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Medical helicopter service threatened

University of Kentucky officials are considering changing or ending its medical helicopter service as a way to cut costs.

Air Medical Service has never been profitable and currently loses about \$1 million a year, said University of Kentucky Hospital director Joe Claypool.

The blue and white carriers transfer patients from accident scenes and rural hospitals to UK's Level 1 trauma center. The center treats the most critically injured from the state's eastern half.

Hospital officials are considering scaling back or discontinuing service, or contracting with a service, such as LifeNet, the medical helicopter network that recently took control of St. Joseph Hospital's three helicopters.

"We look at a duplication of service," Claypool said about central and eastern Kentucky. "Two aeromedical services competing probably isn't necessary."

Medical helicopter flights are expensive, with an average cost of \$3,873 a run, according to a 1999 survey by the Association of Air Medical Services.

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Honeymoon over at Highlands as union, management clash

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The apparent end of a conflict between the Union and Highlands Regional Medical Center after negotiations led to a new contract may not be as amicable as it first seemed.

At a press conference held in the hospital parking lot on Wednesday, Kathy McCormick, representative for

the Service Employees International Union Local 1199, accused the hospital of trying to make changes to the agreed-upon contract that would allow disciplinary action against on-call workers who do not report to work after being called.

"The only thing that we agreed in the contract was a raise to \$2.50 from \$1.75 for the on-call workers," McCormick said.

Nurses at the hospital are required

to be available for three days out of a month, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m., to come to work.

"This week they started writing people up, just take our \$2.50 for two hours," McCormick said.

McCormick and nurses from the hospital arranged a meeting with hospital CEO Bud Warman, who was in a management meeting at the time.

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Highlands Regional Medical Center nurses and union representative Kathy McCormick moved to the lobby of the hospital after being informed by security that they were participating in an illegal assembly.



Seventh- and eighth-graders from Floyd County gathered at Prestonsburg Community College Thursday for College 2002, an event held for the purpose of exposing the youngsters to "the college experiment."

Seventh-, eighth-graders given college preview

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County GEAR-UP, Prestonsburg Community College and Big Sandy Community and Technical College District collaborated to bring College 2002 to Floyd County seventh- and eighth-graders on Thursday, when David Pelphey, Community and Economic Development, said they were attempting to make a "cultural

change" by beginning with the children, which would eliminate the "intimidation factor" from the list of higher education hindrances.

Joyce Watson, director of instruction and representative for the Floyd County GEAR-UP Program, said that the simple phrase given to children for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Publicity program is "getting you ready for college" and that was the purpose of College 2002.

Watson said that this years ninth-graders had been served by GEAR-UP since it's funding began two years ago. The program serves Pike, Floyd, Martin and Johnson counties and has put over \$300,000 into middle schools since last August.

Watson said the program is a dream come true for her and she feels the multimillion dollar grant over five years for four school districts, took a

(See COLLEGE, page six)

Jail time uncertain for Combs

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says his office will not object to a pretrial diversion if a guilty plea is entered by a Hazard man for the death of a Floyd County woman.

Bradley D. Combs, 27, was indicted on charges of reckless homicide on Feb. 27 as a result of a traffic accident that took the life of Paula H. Mitchell, 48, Grethel, on May 22.

According to an incident report, the accident occurred at Harold around 3:11 p.m., when Combs, who was driving south on U.S. 23, disregarded a traffic light and struck Mitchell, who was exiting Route 979 on to U.S. 23, with the commercial vehicle that he was driving. Mitchell's vehicle struck a vehicle driven by Montis Boyd, who was in the turn lane on U.S. 23. Mitchell was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

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Varia files for board; McGuire announces

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

It appears that Dr. Chandra Varia plans to continue her efforts for equality, education and academics, by filing as a candidate for school board in District 2.

And although he has not officially filed yet, attorney Earl Martin "Mickey" McGuire says that he plans to file as a candidate for District 1 on Monday.

Since Rev. Johnny Ross announced his decision to not seek reelection to the District 1 seat and the

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Knott court ordered to pay fired workers \$175,000 each

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Pikeville against the Knott County fiscal court by former county employees.

The original suit, which was filed on July 14, 2001, stated that Booby Reynolds, Charles Owens and Roger Shrum were unfairly terminated from their employment with the county.

According to court documents, Reynolds was employed as a bridge crew worker, Owens was a heavy equipment operator and Shrum was primarily a bridge crew worker but also worked as a maintenance employee.

The lawsuit states that the three men were discharged from employment from the county government with the actual assistance of the Knott County fiscal court.

According to the documents,

on or about June 20, 2000, Reynolds, Owens and Shrum took part in an attempt to seek union representation and were discharged from their jobs by Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome on June 23.

The lawsuit states that the three employees were discharged in relation to their efforts in seeking union representation.

According to Kenneth

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Prestonsburg city utility workers used the new "Sewer Vacuum" on South Central Avenue on Wednesday. Workers hope that the new machine will help curb the city's sewage odor problems.

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Odds and Ends

CHICAGO - Their kings may be cornered, but the Harper Court chess men insist they aren't in check mate.

In April, the board of directors for Harper Court, an outdoor shopping plaza in the city's Hyde Park neighborhood, removed the concrete chess benches some called their home away from home.

The center's director says the players littered, spent little or no money in the plaza's stores and harassed shoppers, especially women.

"They were loud, rude, insulting and lewd," said Richard Padnos, owner of a bicycle shop in the plaza.

The chess players and their supporters call that hogwash.

"We looked at women, that's gonna happen if it's an attractive lady," said 53-year-old Philip Mitchell, who has been playing chess at the court for 10 years. "But nobody was slobbering, foaming at the mouth or saying anything nasty."

Some say they symbolized the spirit of Hyde Park, the eclectic South Side community that is one of Chicago's most racially and culturally diverse neighborhoods.

Debbie Lekousis said the chess men inspired her to move to Hyde Park 11 years ago. She said she felt safer on the streets

and in her home when the plaza was under the players' watchful eyes.

Some neighbors are boycotting Harper Court shops and have collected 300 signatures on a petition calling for the benches to be replaced.

TINLEY PARK, Ill. - It's see you later for a 4-foot baby pet alligator that was caught by an animal control officer wading in a child's backyard pool.

Donna Crafton said her son, Daniel Crafton, 35, bought the alligator at a reptile show in Indiana last week. She said he put the alligator in a 3-foot-deep pool "to get some sun" while he set up an aquarium in his nearby home.

The alligator was captured Monday and taken to the Animal Welfare League of Chicago Ridge after police acted on a village ordinance prohibiting residents from having snakes and like animals, village manager Dave Dorgan said.

Another ordinance prohibits people from keeping vicious animals.

Donna Crafton said the pet alligator wasn't vicious, but Dorgan said there was a very real danger. No citations or fines have been issued.

OMAHA, Neb. - It's been a good financial week for the millionaire chairman of online discount broker Ameritrade.

On Tuesday, the company said net income for the third quarter was \$5.8 million, compared to only \$70,000 in net income for the same quarter a year ago.

That came a day after the Douglas County Board of Equalization valued Chairman J. Joe Ricketts' mansion well below the \$6 million valuation placed on it earlier this year by county assessors.

If that evaluation had stood, it would have meant a tax hike of about \$40,000.

Commissioners this week valued his 17,000-square-foot mansion in the pricey Fairacres section at \$4.77 million. That means Ricketts' tax bill will increase by a mere \$15,000.

CONCORD, Mich. - Double-takes abound when people pass by Alan Lewis' house, where a flying saucer appears to have landed in the yard.

It's actually a 600-pound model made of fiberglass, aluminum, steel and plastic, and adorned with colored lights. A plastic alien peers out from the silver spacecraft, which resembles an upside-down satellite

dish propped on a plastic tube.

"I like having something not too many people have," Lewis said. "All the neighbors I've talked to, they're all for it. They think it's cool."

He said he bought the model from a roadside merchant just north of Lansing and paid \$400, which included \$200 for delivery. He bolted it to a large concrete slab near the side of his house about six weeks ago.

"I'm thinking of putting a strobe light on the inside so it'll flash at night," he said.

Cathy Murdock drives past Lewis' house in the pre-dawn hours on her way to work at the Silver Spoon restaurant. When it's dark, Lewis lights up the saucer with yellow, red, blue and purple lights. A white dome light is on top and a spotlight shines on the alien.

"The first time I saw it, it was 5:30 a.m.," Murdock said. "I thought, oh my gosh, a UFO."

NICOLLET, Minn. - Wide-eyed teenage boys lined up at the Mirage Pure Gold early Wednesday as the strip club, battling this small town over rules barring nude dancing, opened its doors to all ages. Although the dancers kept their clothes on for the night, about 100 people age 16 and up paid a \$10 cover to watch the ladies' moves.

The Mirage Pure Gold opened last year in this town of about 900, in southern Minnesota. At the time the town had no zoning rules for adult businesses.

City leaders quickly convened and on Wednesday morning, the town's recently adopted adult-use ordinance took effect, requiring dancers to be covered - however scantily. But the ordinance said nothing about age requirements.

In response, the Mirage had its dancers cover up - but also opened its doors to kids as young as 16.

"If the city wants to play these games with us, we'll play," said Dave Benzinger, one of the club's owners.

On Wednesday, the mostly male audience hollered and whistled into the early morning hours as the dancers moved to rock music wearing their warm-up suits.

"It wouldn't be any different than kids going into a Hooters or a place where they have a

bikini contest," Benzinger said.

Dan Wietcha, city administrator, wouldn't comment on the owners' plans. But he said if the club complies with the ordinance, the city will not take action.

Benzinger said the club's attorneys plan to go to federal court to seek an injunction prohibiting the city from enforcing its new ordinance until after a federal hearing can be held.

NEWARK, Del. - Everyone's familiar with the computer mouse. But the computer chicken?

Researchers in the University of Delaware's ACRES program - Affordable Composites from Renewable Sources - have developed a computer processor made from chicken feathers.

The head of the program, chemical engineering professor Richard Wool, said researchers looked to chicken feathers because they have shafts that are hollow but strong, and made mostly of air, a great conductor of electricity.

The chicken-feather chip is made from soybean resin and feathers crafted into a composite material that looks and feels like silicon.

In early tests, electrical signals moved twice as quickly through the feather chip as through a conventional silicon chip, researchers said.

"The first time, Dr. Wool's response was, 'Recheck,'" said Chang Kook Hong, 34, the postdoctoral research associate who headed the research. "I repeated the test three times with the same results. Then he said, 'You have a hit here.'"

Problems still remain,

including the natural bumps and irregularities that come from using an organic base, said Dr. Dennis Prather, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering.

"The microchip industry depends on materials that are ultrasmooth and ultraflat," he said. "This was anything but that."

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Rainbow trout are vanishing from the fish pond at California's Capitol Park, state police said.

The fish pond at the 40-acre park is within view of security cameras of the state Capitol, said Dennis Williams, assistant chief of the California Highway Patrol's Protective Services Division. A 4-foot-high perimeter fence and "no trespassing" signs make it clear the trout are not to be harassed or hooked.

But the fish keep vanishing. "They disappear constantly," said Stephen Fisher, caretaker of the 60-year-old pond.

This spring, Fisher counted 35 trout in the 25,000-gallon pool. As of mid-July, there were 19. Six succumbed to disease or heat, but the others are missing in action - apparently snatched from the water, he said.

By fall, poachers likely will have whittled the population to fewer than 10, Fisher said.

"The trout are for display only," Williams said. "If we catch someone trying to catch a fish, we'll get them to leave without further ado."

Several of the pond's trout span 18 inches or more. One fish weighed 6 pounds, Fisher said.

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Astronomers say asteroid unlikely to collide with Earth

by **ANDREW BRIDGES**
AP SCIENCE WRITER

PASADENA, Calif. - The latest possibility that an asteroid could slam into Earth has proven harder to dismiss than most. A mile-wide asteroid could

strike the Earth on Feb. 1, 2019, and while astronomers say the chances of such a global catastrophe are slim, they'll be watching the space rock closely for the next year or so.

The asteroid has attracted more attention for a longer period than usual. But National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronomers say the rock's stay on its Earth Impact Risk Summary page is likely to be temporary.

"One way or another, this thing is coming off the risk page," said Donald Yeomans, manager of NASA's near-Earth object program office at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He said the odds of the asteroid striking the Earth are about one in 250,000, and will likely be adjusted even lower.

The asteroid was dubbed 2002 NT7 upon its discovery two weeks ago. Scientists who have observed the rock over 100 times since then say it is larger than others, and calculate six other potential impact dates after 2019.

They will refine their estimates over the next year while tracking the asteroid's 837-day orbit around the sun.

"At that point, if it's still a threat, I'd start to get a little concerned, but not before then," said Gareth Williams, associate director of the Minor Planet Center in Cambridge, Mass.

If 2002 NT7 crossed paths with the Earth, it would enter the atmosphere at nearly 64,000 mph and strike with the explosive energy of 1.2 million megatons of TNT, according to JPL estimates.

The odds of that happening, however, are low. The 2019 date ranks a one on the zero-to-10 Torino scale, meaning the chances of a collision are about the same as a random object of the same size hitting the Earth in the next few decades.

Last month, an asteroid the size of a soccer field missed the Earth by 75,000 miles - less than one-third of the distance to the moon - in one of the closest known approaches by an object of its size.

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/s/ Paul H. Thompson
County Judge Executive

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Misti Alexandria Cowe, 18, to Jeffery Allen Ousley, 20, both of Prestonsburg.
 Ronda Danielle Caudill, 18, of Allen, to Kent Douglas Evans, 21, of Craynor.
 Michelle Louann Bailey, 26, to Keith Alan Bailey, 31, both of Langley.
 Channa M. Arnett, 27, of Salyersville, to Adam R. McGuire, 28, of Prestonsburg.
 Jessica Lynn Prater, 23, of Hippo, to Larry Allen Ritts II, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Candace Holbrook, 26, of Bevinville, to Teddy Thomas Pack, 24, of McDowell.
 Evelyn Dawn Carrel, 25, to Philip Anthony Gamon, 30, both of Harold.

Civil Suits Filed

Junior and Mary Etta Tackett vs. Ralph Hamilton; complaint.
 Beatrice Johnson vs. James Branham; complaint.
 Cendant Mortgage Corporation vs. Steve Spriggs, Carol Cook and Appalachian Regional Health Care; complaint.
 John Harris vs. Linda

Conley; complaint.
 Tiesha Hamilton vs. Natasha Baker; complaint.
 Olivia Hamilton vs. Natasha Baker; complaint.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Gina Hale; complaint.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Delana Castle; complaint.
 Janet Miller vs. Jessica Miller; petition for child support and health insurance.
 US Bank National Association vs. Kathy Collins, Richard Collins, The Money Store, Commonwealth of Kentucky; complaint.
 Lisa Marie Sanford vs. Jeff

Sanford; divorce.
 Community Trust Bank vs. Goddie Spears; complaint.
 Arrow Financial Services vs. Gary Ousley; complaint.
 Paula Jarrell vs. Steve Jarrell; divorce.
 Peggy Shannon Hoover and Jackie Blake Hoover vs. Stacy Lynn Isaac and Michael Dwayne Hoover; petition for custody.
 Doug Wilson vs. Jana Lloyd; divorce.
 Legal Recoveries vs. Jamie Johnson; complaint.
 Fifth Third Bank vs. Sheridan Martin; complaint.
 Hobert Spurlock vs. estate of

Ellis Spurlock and Kevin Spurlock; complaint.
 Branch, Banking and Trust Company vs. Greg Little, Jennifer Little and Commonwealth of Kentucky; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

George Gray Jr. vs. Keith and Angela Osborne; debt collection.
 Joyce Martin vs. Michael Rose; debt collection.
 Triple M. Credit vs. Tommy Martin; debt collection.
 Jennifer Lynn Hunter vs. Eastern Kentucky Auto Details and Window Tint; compensation for damages.

Martin, criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception.
 Ralph Jr. Lewis, 31, Banner, possession of cocaine, trafficking in cocaine.
 Kevin Cox, 24, Pippa Passes, theft by unlawful taking.
 Brandon Hall, 20, Banner, receiving stolen property.
 Rowland Moore, 69, McDowell, third-degree criminal mischief.
 Reon Slone, 45, Paintsville, theft by unlawful taking, third-degree criminal trespassing.
 Mark Hicks, age unlisted, McDowell, menacing.
 Richard Martin Turner, 19, Blue River, theft by unlawful taking.
 Johnnie Brett Adams, 33, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Dwayne Moore, 41, Garrett,

Charges Filed

Gregory Scott Arnett, 19.

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Ground causing complications in construction of new prison

The Associated Press

INEZ - The ground is settling beneath a new federal prison being built on a strip-mined Martin County hilltop, causing a guard tower to tilt and portions of another building to sink slightly.
 The federal government has already spent \$40 million to stabilize the ground and prepare it for building. Officials say they don't know why the problems are occurring or how much it will cost to fix them.
 The Big Sandy penitentiary, with a price tag that had already hit \$170 million, could end up

being the most expensive federal prison ever built, officials say.
 Prison officials say they're not sure whether the problem, which was discovered a few weeks ago, will delay the project. Tower 2, a 100-foot-tall guard tower, is now tilting a few inches off center. Settling has also been discovered beneath the new administration building.
 "We're going to evaluate the problem, we're going to determine what the problem is and we're going to do whatever is necessary to fix the problem," said David Dorworth, chief of the site selection branch of the

Federal Bureau of Prisons.
 The prison, which was originally supposed to open Aug. 29, is now scheduled to be completed in January. The delays have been caused by other construction issues not related to the soil settling problems, Dorworth said. Construction started in June 1998.
 Officials with P.J. Dick and Trumbull, the project's general contractor, declined to comment, referring all questions to the Bureau of Prisons.
 Problems are bound to turn up when you're working on a project this big, Dorworth said.

"We trust the competency and the ingenuity of our contractors and architects working on the project to correct the problem," he said.
 The 316-acre prison site, about eight miles south of Inez on Kentucky 3, sits on an old mountaintop mine site. Pocahontas Land Co. donated the land, but federal officials spent an estimated \$40 million to prepare the building site.
 Construction workers dug a 16-acre hole 60 feet deep to help prepare the ground. After moving 1 million cubic yards of dirt and rock, they dug hundreds of 180-foot-deep holes and removed another 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt to stabilize the area.
 The prison complex, which will hold 960 high-security federal inmates in one area and 126 minimum-security inmates in another area, is expected to create about 400 jobs.

Attorney general's office files suit against telemarketers

by LORI BURLING
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Attorney General Ben Chandler Wednesday filed lawsuits against two out-of-state telemarketing companies that have been soliciting Kentucky residents who signed up for a new "no-call" list.
 The lawsuits, filed in Jefferson Circuit Court, seek a judge's order to stop Simplified Data Solutions Inc. and Sound Media Group from making unsolicited calls. The suits also seek a fine against the companies.
 "This is the first legal action taken against telemarketers," Attorney General Ben Chandler said after his office filed suit. "We're aggressively enforcing this law."
 The telemarketing law took effect July 15 after its passage by the General Assembly earlier this year. It allows people to join a "zero-call" list maintained by the attorney general's office. People on the list are supposed to be left alone by telemarketers unless they are companies the resident has done business with before the law was in effect. Calls to collect debts are also allowed and some other minor exceptions.
 Since July 15, more than 100 Kentucky residents have filed complaints with the attorney general's office after being contacted by the two companies named in the suits. The law carries a \$5,000 penalty for each telephone call made by the company in violation of the law. The attorney general's office has received a total of 987 complaints involving more than 200 telemarketers, Chandler said.
 "People have reported a sharp drop in telemarketing calls, but unfortunately at this point, there are some companies that have failed to get the message," Chandler said. "This lawsuit should send a clear message to telemarketers."
 The suits claim the two companies solicited business by telephone from Kentucky residents who appear on the current publication of the Kentucky Telemarketing Zero Call list between July 15 and July 22. The companies left messages on answering machines asking the residents to call a toll-free num-

ber and ask for Bruce Campbell. After investigating the company, Bruce Campbell appears to be a fictitious name, according to Chandler.
FYI
 To sign up for the state's no-call list, call (866) 592-2550 toll-free, or visit www.kycall0.com on the internet.
 Ten Jefferson County residents have signed affidavits claiming they were contacted by one of the two companies. The suits seek a fine of \$5,000 for each of the complaining citizens. The money would go to

the state treasury department, Chandler said.
 "This is not so much about the money, but stopping the calls," he said. "If it requires large fines, then that's what we're going to do."
 Simplified Data Solutions, based in Largo, Fla., is a debt consolidation company. The company's president — Gerard Stuchbury — and two managers are also named as defendants.
 Sound Media Group, based in Irvine, Calif., also offers debt consolidation services.
 Attorney Bill Raney, with Copilevitz & Canter in Kansas City, Mo., represents both telemarketing companies. Raney was aware of the suits but had not seen copies. He told The Associated Press on Wednesday he wouldn't comment until he read the suits.
 More than 670,000 residential phone numbers are on the "no-call list," which represents more than 1.5 million people.

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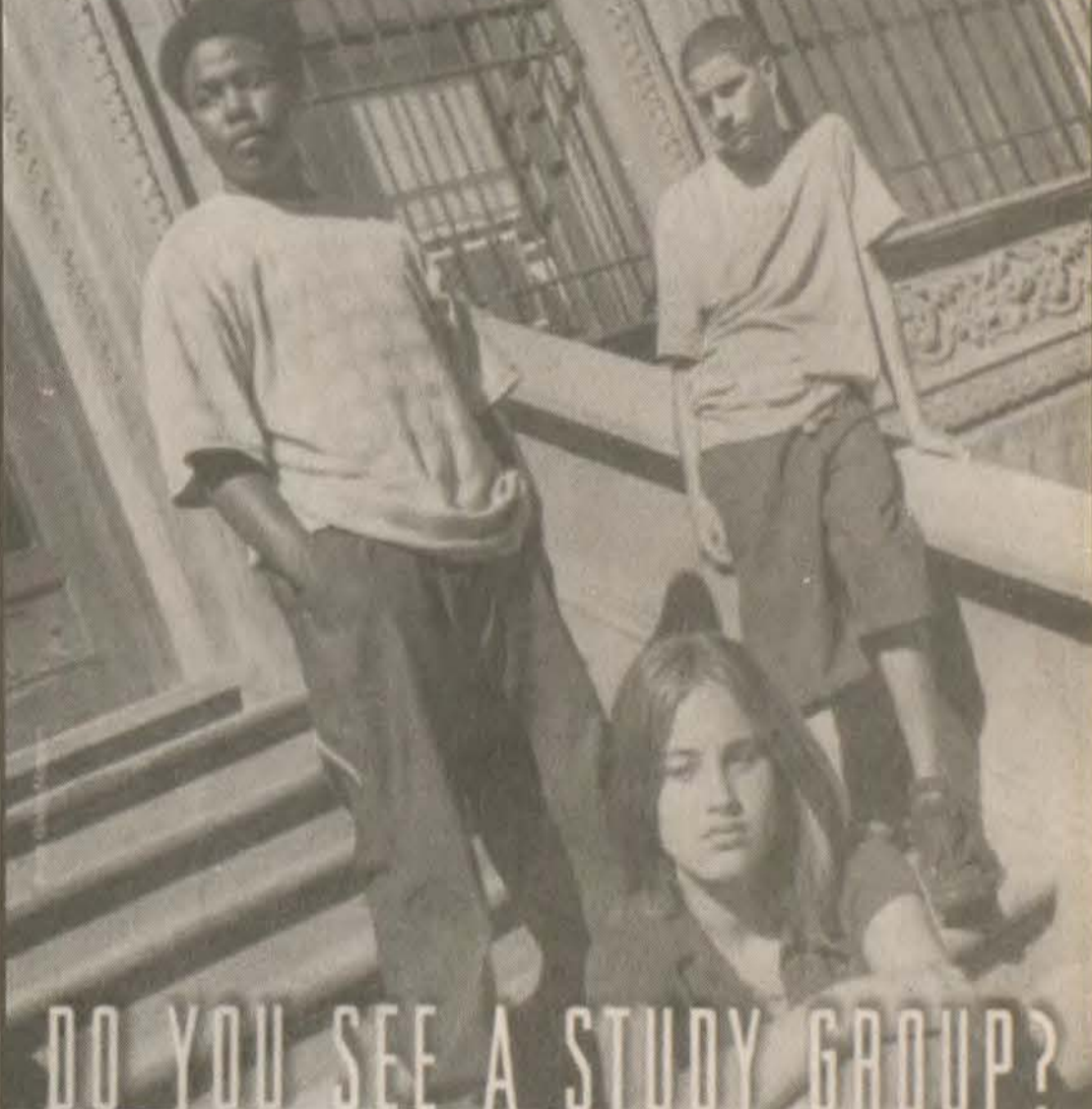
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— Franz Kafka

Amendment 1

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Herald, Everett, Wash., on Operation TIPS:

It was a bad idea from the start. And thanks to the U.S. Postal Service official rejection of Operation TIPS, the Homeland Security Official program will hopefully get some much-needed revamping.

Here's how the government program is apparently supposed to work: people with jobs that put them in others' homes, neighborhoods, on the highways and in other businesses are asked to report suspicious activity to the government. So, the cable guy at your house could be checking out things and reporting anything he thinks is amiss.

The Justice Department had to know this would not go over well with the public, let alone the slew of liabilities it could bring. It creates an unfortunate situation for everyone, especially those hard-working people just trying to deliver the mail or packages or get through the workday. What if their "spying" put them in a dangerous situation? Would they be compensated for this extra work? How would it impact their jobs? So much for customer service. The impact on businesses likely would be negative. ...

The Justice Department should focus its coordination and communication efforts on making sure all law enforcement agencies are working together to sort information. Homeland security will be most successful if the people paid to protect us know what's going on in their towns and across the country.

The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa., on military power over domestic law enforcement:

Homeland security chief Tom Ridge floated an idea last week that even those in the military couldn't agree about, though it would give them additional powers.

The Bush administration is asking Congress to review the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 and other laws that restrict the military from domestic law enforcement.

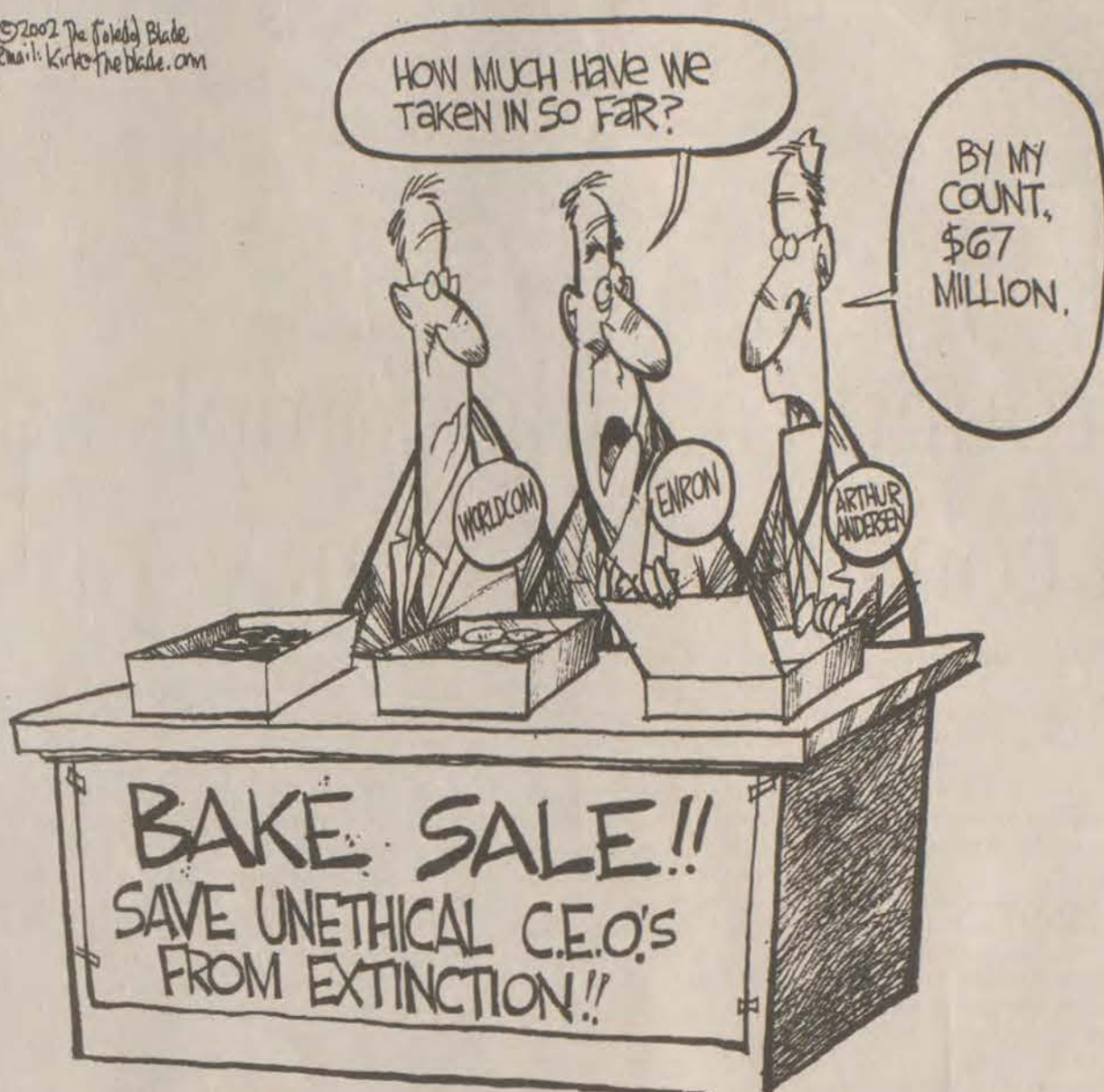
President Bush wants Congress to review the law that effectively bans the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines from participating in arrests, searches, seizure of evidence and other types of domestic police activity. ...

But domestic policing by the military in the event of a terrorist attack sounds more like a trial balloon, sent to get the reaction of Congress and the public, than an idea that has been thoroughly thought out. ...

There's a good reason why the Posse Comitatus Act has stood the test of time for 124 years: The military has a role to play, as does domestic law enforcement. They are separate roles. Each is trained in its area of expertise.

Americans' civil rights will be better protected if this trial balloon is deflated, and fast.

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In the moment

One person's trash is another person's treasure

I think the saying goes "one man's trash is another man's treasure" but in my case I don't know what gender gave me the trash that I treasure.

The trash that I am referring to is a painting that, though rather simplistic in its content, has helped bring me many relaxing thoughts. It was given to me by my children, who brought it in off the street. Only God knows where it came from and I don't really care. The point is that this gift, that was so

joyfully presented by my angels, has brought me sunshine.

The painting is composed of a scene that appears to be a mountain stream and its shores at sunset. The sand is a bright peach color with a reddish tint, the sky and the stream are distinguished by a bright midnight blue, the sun is bright yellow, and the few weeds, the distant mountains and the fences are black. Those are the only four colors in the piece, but they are vibrant and they shout "fun" to me.

I placed the painting on the wall at the foot of my bed. I lay there and look at that painting often, thinking about how beautiful that arrangement of colors is

and how peaceful that scene looks. It helps me to forget the long stressful days that are a big part of my life and instead I think of sunshine, warmth and relaxation.

I sometimes wonder who created this thing that I consider a masterpiece. I imagine the person must really enjoy life to have created such a beautiful rendition of it. However, I think that if I knew who the "great artist" was I would no longer enjoy it as much as I do.

It was three years ago that my babes brought this wonderful piece of art to me and gleefully informed me that it came from the trash. Since then, this welcomed addition to my home has become one of my most treasured pieces.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

May House thanks city

On behalf of the Friends of the Samuel May House, I would like to thank Mayor Jerry Fannin and the Prestonsburg City Council for purchasing and installing our new Hennessy House wooden flagpole.

Made of Douglas fir and crowned with a handsome brass ball, the pole is a replica of the wooden flagpoles that were used during the Civil War period. Since it is historically accurate, it is a good match for the house and will enhance its authenticity as a Civil War site.

In coming weeks we will be using it to fly our recently-purchased Confederate First National flag and our newly-acquired 35-star Stars and Stripes, the flag carried by Garfield's troops during the Battle of Middle Creek.

We also wish to thank Jimmy Reed of Prestonsburg, who spearheaded the project and saw it through to completion. Good work, my friends!

Robert Perry
Volunteer curator
Friends of the Samuel May House

More 'awful truth'

I have written many letters asking for fairness and consideration of fact when dealing with the question of in what direction this country should go in dealing with this problem of terrorism. I'm sure most of the readers of my letters disagree with even considering fact but insist on blind obedience and faith in our elected leaders.

Many use the Bible to decide whether or not the U.S. should support Israel and many have accepted this explanation that it is all about a few religious extremists that hate us because we are a nation that promotes democracy and freedom around the world. These people do not appreciate my letters sharing with the readers of this paper what I have learned and discovered. They want me to go away and not upset the order of things.

Well, I'm not going away and today I'm going to tell you some more of the awful truth. I was watching, I think, World Link TV and they had a program on Mobile Exxon oil extraction operations in Tajikistan. They showed films of what looked like the oil boom days in Texas, with thousands of oil wells one after another next to one another.

They stated that the farmers who

owned this land were driven off and not paid anything for their land. They showed nice new modern upper middle class housing projects surrounded by 10-foot high concrete walls with barbed wire on top. This is where the American oil workers lived in luxury. They stated that the locals were not given any of the jobs in the oil fields.

This is the same kind of corporate behavior that got the U.S. kicked out of Iran. It is this kind of corporate behavior that gives America a bad name. These American corporations get control of a government and use their military and ours to steal and take what they want. It doesn't take an Einstein to figure out that the peoples of these lands hate America.

The pitiful thing about America is that the facts and the truth about corporate America are never told in the Lexington Herald or the Wall Street Journal, NewsWeek Magazine or by Peter Jennings.

Some of you brag on America because it has free speech and, yes, it does. The fact that I can write this letter and some papers (not all; Big Sandy News does not print my letters) is proof that there is some free speech in this

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At the Movies:

"Austin Powers in Goldmember"

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

"Austin Powers in Goldmember" is the "Wayne's World 2" of the spy-spoof franchise, another humdrum Mike Myers sequel that has no reason to exist, that phones it in, that's a faint shadow of its predecessors.

Pretty much every cliché to ridicule a sequel applies here.

The idea of another shagadelic romp with Myers' swinging refugee from the '60s espionage set is appealing enough. The idea of Destiny's Child singer Beyoncé Knowles as an attitude-laden update of the '70s blaxploitation heroine is groovy. The idea of Michael Caine as Austin's neglectful super-spy father is really groovy. The idea of Myers adding one more character to his "Austin Powers" pantheon merits a "yeah, baby."

But the movie rates an "ouch, very ouch, baby."

It's terribly unfunny most of the time, constantly repeating its own lame gags and lethargically regurgitating some of the best bits from the previous two films.

Knowles is fine as Austin's new comrade in arms, a sassy, brassy chick who takes no guff from anyone. Caine mainly fizzes, delivering one very funny line but having little else to do but stand around looking like an older, slightly constipated version of Austin.

And Myers' new villain, Goldmember, is an irritant, creepy to look at (without being amusing), speaking in a disagreeable "Dutch" accent

(without being amusing) and practicing a truly disgusting bodily habit (without being amusing).

with something more substantive (and amusing) for the character than their oft-repeated line about a "smelting acci-

(Myers) on a plan to destroy Earth using a giant meteor made of gold. The usual suspects are back in the villains' camp, pretty much doing the same old thing: Robert Wagner as Number Two, Seth Green as Scott Evil, Mindy Sterling as Frau Farbissina and Verne Troyer as Mini Me. And of course, Fat Bastard (Myers again).

Austin takes another time-travel jaunt to 1975 to rescue his dad, legendary agent Nigel Powers (Caine). While there, Austin hooks up with old flame Foxy Cleopatra (Knowles), a spy working undercover in Goldmember's disco.

Michael York returns as Austin's boss, and joining the cast as a double agent is Fred Savage, the unfortunate object of one of the movie's lamest and most repetitive gags.

The main reason to see

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"Austin Powers in Goldmember," a New Line Cinema release, is rated PG-13 for sexual innuendo, crude humor and language. Running time: 95 minutes.

Two stars (out of four).

Considering Goldmember's a parody of one of James Bond's best nemeses, Myers and co-writer Michael McCullers needed to come up

with something more substantive (and amusing) for the character than their oft-repeated line about a "smelting acci-

dent" that redefined Goldmember's manhood. A 1970s disco owner, Goldmember teams with Austin's archenemy Dr. Evil

Earle's Lindh song hits sour note in Nashville

by RICHARD HARRINGTON
THE WASHINGTON POST

"John Walker's Blues," from an upcoming Steve Earle album, has landed the country-music renegade on the enemies list at Nashville radio station WTN-FM. Morning talk show host

Steve Gill is comparing Earle to Jane Fonda in her "Hanoi Jane" phase and to John Walker Lindh himself, the young Californian dubbed the "American Taliban" after he was captured in November fighting alongside troops of Afghanistan's fundamentalist Muslim rulers.

Taken from Earle's "Jerusalem" album, due in late September, the song offers a sympathetic view of Lindh, who last week pleaded guilty to two felony counts, assisting the Taliban and carrying explosives. Lindh is expected to serve 20 years in prison in exchange for the government's dropping more serious charges that could have brought the death penalty.

Sung from Lindh's perspective, "John Walker's Blues" is a broadside that references the 21-year-old's interest in music videos, boy bands and religious fanaticism. It features Earle's recitation of an Arabic prayer and ends with a snippet of mul-lahs reading from the Koran.

I'm just an American boy, raised on MTV

And I've seen all those kids in the soda pop ads

But none of 'em looked like me

So I started lookin' around for a light out of the dim

And the first thing I heard that made sense was the word of Mohammed, peace be upon him

"It celebrates and glorifies a traitor to this country," says Gill, who as a Nashville lawyer once defended Earle, 47, in a case involving a scuffle with police in Texas.

Earle's lyrics refer to the United States as "the land of the infidel" and Taliban fighters as "martyrs." At one point, Earle sings, "And if I should die I'll rise up to the sky / Just like Jesus."

"That comparison to Jesus is going to be offensive to a lot of Christians around the country," says Gill, predicting a major anti-Earle movement when the album is released.

Gill is particularly outraged by the final verse:

We came to fight the Jihad and our hearts were pure and strong

As death filled the air we all offered up prayers and prepared for our martyrdom

But Allah had some other plan, some secret not revealed

Now they're draggin' me back with my head in a sack to the land of the infidel

Gill suggests Earle is "pushing the edge of the envelope to attract attention, but it's the wrong subject at the wrong time. He's been going nowhere fast for a long time, and while this may draw fleeting attention, it won't save his faltering career."

Gill is calling for consumers to boycott radio stations that play or stores that sell Earle's

new album.

"I'm not calling for burning CDs, but people can vote with their wallets as a counter-expression to the free expression Steve's expressed in his song," Gill says.

Earle wasn't available to respond: He's been on vacation in Europe since July 15. However, in a press release that will accompany "Jerusalem," Earle offers this explanation: "I have taken some serious liberties with Walker, speaking as him, in his voice. I'm trying to make clear that wherever he got

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Richard Piers Rayner, from "Road to Perdition"

Finding images to express emotions that would somehow be beyond a prose artist's ability to convey: From Richard Piers Rayner's graphic novel "Road to Perdition."

Graphic novels providing grist for film

by STEPHEN HUNTER
THE WASHINGTON POST

It used to be every novelist's dream to see his book purchased by Hollywood, then projected 25 feet high at the local bijou, with impossibly beautiful people playing the parts that had begun as fractured slivers of the poor schmoe's id. He was so happy and rich, he didn't even notice they ruined it.

That still happens, and they still ruin it, as per Tom Clancy et al. In fact, just looking at the newspaper movie section, we see that a good many of the films in release originated as works of fiction. Besides "The Sum of All Fears," from the Clancy canon, there's "Minority Report" (from a Philip K. Dick short story), "The Bourne Identity" (from a Robert Ludlum novel), "About a Boy" (from Nick Hornby's novel) and "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" (from a best-seller by Rebecca Wells).

The novel or short story — that is, the work of fictional prose with an organic story, a set of recognizable characters and motives, and something wrong with it — has provided material to films for almost a century.

The earliest may have been a silent "Frankenstein." I saw it sometime back at the National Institutes of Health, and in it, all the pathologies of the literary adaptation were on display: They took a great 600-page novel and reduced it to seven minutes. OK, so it was made in 1904.

But still: "It's not as good as the book." Think how many more times you've heard that than "It's much better than the book." That suggests a relentless reality: It may be that the novel isn't the ideal form for translation into the feature film.

A few adaptations, of course, have been masterpieces, most of those exceptions falling into two categories.

In the first, filmmakers simply ignore or abandon the original novel and use it as a platform to explore similar themes. The great "Dr. Strangelove" is one; the novel, "Red Alert" by Peter George, was largely a straightforward docudrama based on George's excellent knowledge of the inner workings of strategic-defense culture.

Stanley Kubrick and his collaborator, the freaky genius

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KSP recruiting officers from other police to fill vacancies

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Police, long used to losing its troopers to law enforcement jobs elsewhere, is now actively recruiting officers from Kentucky police agencies to fill its own ranks.

Lt. Lisa Rudzinski said the KSP wants to fill a new class of 40 cadets with veteran police officers who can be on the road

in half the time of an ordinary group of new troopers.

Rudzinski said there were 958 sworn state police officers Thursday, down from the authorized strength of 1,075, but including 51 who are still cadets who will not be graduating for another week. Dozens of veteran officers have retired and another 200 or so are eligible to do so.

"All the baby boomers are ready to retire," Rudzinski said.

Versailles Police Chief Allen Love said the recruitment by the state police is an acknowledgment of the improved training and quality of officers in even small, local departments.

Love, who is also president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, said there has long been competition among agencies and a scramble to find good recruits.

Love said opinions vary among his colleagues about the

recruitment by the KSP.

"If you talked to 100 different chiefs, you'll probably get 100 different opinions," Love said. "You've got some chiefs, they really don't like it."

Others, Love said, just acknowledge it as a simple sign of the competition for good employees in any line of work.

Other reasons for transfers and departures vary widely. In small departments, for example, advancement opportunities might be limited. Love said he lost an officer to the Fayette County schools who wanted to avoid shift work.

State police troopers have a starting salary of \$28,595 after training is completed.

Rudzinski said the KSP tried to avoid offending any local police departments by luring away their officers. Letters were written to the departments and numerous contacts made.

"We don't anticipate it straining our relations with those local agencies. We've been up front with them," Rudzinski said.

Rudzinski said the ordinary 22-week training program for state police cadets can be slashed because of the experience of the officers in the new class. Just to get into the program, officers will have to pass a written test on such things as

traffic laws, the criminal code and drunken driving testing and arrest procedures.

The 11-week training program for the veteran officers will include more specialized instruction in state police practices and procedures.

While the concentration in the new class is unusual, the state police often attract veter-

ans. Rudzinski said about a third of the cadets in the class scheduled to graduate next week are former police officers.

Seminars for interested officers will be held at KSP headquarters in Frankfort this weekend. Applications must be turned in by Aug. 14 and can be obtained at any state police post or at the KSP Web site.



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Ivel postmaster Charlene Nelson and Betsy Layne postmaster Susan Wallen presented Betsy Layne Assistant Fire Chief Edward Clark and Fire Chief Eddie Clark with lapel pins and a framed picture of the "Heroes 2001" stamp on Tuesday.

Postal service honors Betsy Layne Fire Dept.

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Postmasters from Betsy Layne and Ivel joined together Tuesday to show appreciation to the members of the Betsy Layne Fire Department.

Charlene Nelson and Susan Wallen presented Fire Chief Eddie Clark and his son,

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Clark, with lapel pins and a framed picture of the "Heroes 2001" stamp at the Betsy Layne Fire Department Tuesday evening.

The stamp was issued on July 7 and is available for 45 cents with the difference between the cost of the postage going to assist families of the emergency relief personnel who were killed

or disabled in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Fire Chief Eddie Clark, a member of the department since 1971, voiced his thanks to the community for the honor.

"We appreciate the community being behind us," Clark said.

In a reception for firefighters and their families, each member will be presented with a lapel pin.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

The dining area of the StoneCrest Clubhouse was full of friends and family of Brenda Hayes, who celebrated her retirement on Tuesday.

Hayes retires as city comptroller

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A retirement party was held for Prestonsburg City Comptroller Brenda Hayes, of Ligon, at Stonecrest Golf Course on Tuesday, where friends and family helped celebrate Hayes' 24 years of service to the city of Prestonsburg.

Hayes said she had worked in Prestonsburg for 30 years after working as a teacher for some time. She started with the board of education in the payroll department, where she worked for six-and-a-half years before going to work for the city in 1978.

Besides going through three

mayors — Harold Cooley, Ann Latta and Jerry Fannin — Hayes has worked under 15 different councils. She said she started working as occupational tax administrator, moved to city treasurer, and then to her current position as city comptroller.

Hayes said that she had been with the city "all through the building of the MAC," the restoration of up-town and the building of the Justice Center and golf course.

"It's changed a lot since I first started working," said Hayes.

Hugs were passed around on Tuesday as guests lined up to enjoy the wide variety of food that was served in Hayes' honor.

Hayes said she hopes to "still be around part-time."

Jail

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while Combs was treated and released from Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Combs was indicted on charges of reckless homicide on the allegations that he had been driving while under the influence of an intoxicating substance. Turner had originally offered a recommendation of a five-year sentence, which he said was an initial offer to meet the 30-day deadline prior to pretrial.

Turner said his office is now prepared to recommend a three-year sentence and would not object to a pretrial diversion and probation in exchange for a plea of guilt to reckless homicide.

In reference to prosecuting the case, Turner said the issue was unclear, because, according

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fact that no one else has filed, McGuire will be unchallenged when he does file. But McGuire said that someone will run against him.

McGuire, who ironically is scheduled to appear in federal court on Friday to represent a case against the Floyd County Board of Education, said the board spends more time covering up than it does informing the public. He said that two years ago the board had 70 pending lawsuits and in the 20 years he had been an attorney, he couldn't remember even one public account of a lawsuit.

McGuire asserted that when someone files a complaint against the board of education, they are bringing a suit against the people, and the people have a right to know why they are being sued. He avowed to use a plan-

ning strategy in which he would ask the board's attorney to give information on the lawsuits in an open meeting. Some of the facts are confidential, but some are not.

McGuire said that he is "very interested in schools and has spent a lot of time helping students." McGuire has represented many students in seeking educational opportunities that were available in other educational districts. Two of the cases, that he handled free of charge, involved a student seeking special education and a discrimination case involving a student who was the product of an interracial marriage.

"I don't feel like I've been successful at changing it from the outside," said McGuire. "I want to see if I can change it from the inside."

to a blood test. Combs was not intoxicated. He said that in cases like this, it has to be clearly shown that the defendant acted recklessly by driving under the influence, at an excessive speed or some other aggravating circumstance. He said that it is not clear that any of those factors were present in the accident.

"If there had been clear evidence, we would be talking about a different kind of sentence," said Turner.

Turner said that after consulting with the victim's family, they signed-off on the offer. He said that the family's concern was more geared toward prohibiting Combs from driving a commercial vehicle as employment and therefore ensuring that this problem does not happen again.

Jarrell completes Marine training

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Marine Corps Pfc. Stacy L. Jarrell, daughter of John M. Jarrell of Prestonsburg, recently graduated from Basic Cryptologic Technician (Operator) School.

During the self-paced course at Naval Technical Training Center in Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla., students are trained as Special Intelligence Communication Center Operators and receive instruc-

tion on communication systems, teletypewriter equipment, communication technical control and cryptographic systems. Course studies also include antennas, radio wave propagation and modulation, circuit operation message processing and communication center clerical functions.

Jarrell is a 2001 graduate of Henry Clay High School in Lexington.

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While waiting outside the meeting room, the group was informed by security that they were participating in an illegal assembly and would have to leave.

McCormick told the officer they were waiting on a meeting and refused to leave.

One of the officers directed the group to the lobby to wait on the management meeting to disperse.

After the meeting was over, Warman agreed to meet with McCormick and the nurses in the meeting room.

According to Kathy Rubado, director of public relations for the hospital, the way that the meeting came about was in violation of the contract.

"We have never had anything like this occur before," Rubado said.

Rubado explained that the language in the recently-signed contract gives management exclusive rights and the union and Highlands both agreed to the language that was used in the contract.

Ralph Lundberg, vice president of human resources, attended the impromptu meeting and explained to The Floyd County Times management's side of the situation.

"It was perfectly clear in the contract negotiations that employees would be subject to progressive discipline if they do

not follow the language of the contract," Lundberg said.

Lundberg also voiced displeasure over the way that the meeting came about.

"You don't try to interrupt a meeting to voice your opinions without an appointment. That's not the way things are done," Lundberg said.

McCormick said the union plans to file a grievance, and Lundberg agreed to that statement.

"It should be resolved through grievance progress," Lundberg said.

The actual language used in the contract states that: "All employees covered by this agreement may be required, at the direction of the medical center, to work overtime and it is distinctly understood and agreed that the failure or refusal of an employee, without an excuse or reason satisfactory to the medical center, to work overtime as directed will be cause for immediate disciplinary action, including discharge."

McCormick alleges that the hospital is using on-call nurses to cover for the loss of employees the hospital has endured in the past.

Kathy Rubado was quick to point out that the hospital has hired nine new graduates from Prestonsburg Community College and plans to hire more in the future.



photo by Loretta Blackburn

Students from several Floyd County elementary schools gathered at PCC on Thursday for College 2002, where Jackie Bowling, of Mayo Technical College, had them play introduction games to get to know children from other schools.

College

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lot of collaboration and she feels as if this grant can impact the area greatly.

Pelphrey said that Floyd County was selected as a pilot project this year, and they hope to incorporate all five counties that PCC now serves for College 2003. Pelphrey said the children are given sample ACT exams in order to familiarize them with the test and a report of the results would be used to determine strengths and weaknesses.

Other activities that were motivators for students to start thinking about a future with education were games that showed how math and science could be used and could be fun, and a comparison between high school diploma and college degree jobs.

Pelphrey said he believes higher education is not being utilized in this area and that a cultural change is needed in regard to education. He said that the miner with the lantern in hand was an ancient thing and due to technology, the mine owners of today are looking for associate

degrees. Through developing a work force that is technical in nature and has college degrees, he hopes to attract companies which will provide jobs.

"We want our students to have a choice of whether they want to work here or move away," said Pelphrey.

Pelphrey said that trying to develop the education to meet the technology they are trying to attract is "another facet of [his] job as community developer." He said the district is improving education and economic opportunity within rural communities and using the community college as a catalyst for the change. By exposing children to the "college experience," the intimidation of seeking higher education is lowered.

It appears that the Doolittle Lynn line from Coal Miner's Daughter. "If you are born in the mountains you have three choices, coal mines, moonshine, or moving on down the line", is no longer the case in Eastern Kentucky.

Obituaries

Joe Martin

Joe Martin, age 78, of Hueysville, husband of the late Tilda Ellis Martin, passed away, Thursday, July 24, 2002, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

He was born January 18, 1924, in Floyd County, the son of the late Millard Martin and Della Sexton Martin. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Kim Martin of Cape Coral, Florida; two grandchildren, James E. Martin Jr., and Joe Martin II, and a half-brother, Zeb Martin of Tennessee.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Edward Martin.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 27, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Herbert Hoover Hall

Herbert Hoover Hall, 69, of Teaberry, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at his residence.

Born November 24, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Alex and Rebecca (Becky) Jones Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Vina Holbrook Hall.

Other survivors include three sons, Daril Hall of Piercetown, Indiana, Alexander Hall and Herbert Hall II, both of Teaberry; two daughters, Reba Akers and Missy Hall, both of Teaberry; one brother, Bill A. Hall of Teaberry, and one sister, Bessie Blankenship of Teaberry; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Harold Hall and Herbert Dale Hall; one daughter, Beulah Mae Hall; two brothers, Frank Hall and Charlie Hall; and two sisters, Nancy Isaac and Betty Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 27, at 11 a.m., at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hollybush Cemetery at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was Thursday, July 25, at the church. (Paid obituary)

Murl Prater

Murl Prater, age 74, of Hueysville, widower of Katherine Cooley Prater, died Saturday, July 13, at his residence.

He was born December 28, 1927, in Hueysville, a son of the late Jackson and Lula Prater. He was a retired coal miner who worked for Inco Coal Co.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Prater and Daryl Prater, both of Hueysville; seven brothers, Arnold Prater, Henry Prater and Robert Prater, all of Hueysville, Mitch Prater of Langley, Clarence Prater and Rhodes Prater, both of Prestonsburg, and Burl Prater of Indiana; two sisters, Katherine and Martha Prater, both of Indiana; and two grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Anthony Shawn Prater.

Funeral services for Murl Prater were conducted Tuesday, July 16, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Paul Rice and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial was in the Cooley Cemetery, Hueysville, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Steve Cooley, Greg Colley, George Ousley, and Rick Prater. (Paid obituary)

Monique

Mierzejewski Frasure

Monique Mierzejewski Frasure, 56, of Lexington, died Monday, July 22, 2002, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born April 14, 1946, in Chalons S/Marne France, she was the daughter of the late Wladislaw and Marie Vichrek Mierzejewski. She attended the Freewill Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Frasure.

Other survivors include two sons, Gerald V. Frasure of Prestonsburg, and Christopher Frasure of Glasgow; one daughter, Karen L. Frasure of Lexington; two brothers, Daniel Mierzejewski and Michele Mierzejewski, both of Chalons S/Marne, France; two sisters, Jeanine Pol of Chalons S/Marne, France, and Irene Simon of Nice, France; and one grandson, Lucas Scott Frasure.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters, Nicole Mierzejewski; Edith Durl; Denise Keverlet; and Susanne Lombart.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 25, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bill Campbell and Don Neeley officiating.

Burial was in the Frasure Family Cemetery, Left Fork of Abbott at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Whelen Pitts

Whelen Pitts, age 71, of Martin, passed away Monday, July 22, 2002, in the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg.

He was born June 9, 1931, in Risner, the son of the late Joe M. Pitts and Polly Elizabeth Poe Pitts. He was a farmer.

Survivors include one brother, Shade Pitts.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Newberry and Wheeler Pitts, and one sister, Angeline Pitts Shepherd.

Funeral services for Whelen Pitts were conducted Wednesday, July 24, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergyman Ernest Sword officiating.

Burial followed in the James Pitts Family Cemetery, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, where church services were held, 7 p.m., Tuesday. (Paid obituary)

Record

contempt of court.

Glenn Shepherd, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, second-degree criminal trespassing, menacing, fourth-degree assault.

Jeffrey Mitchell, age unlisted, Teaberry, fourth-degree assault.

Lisa A. Williams, age unlisted, Pikeville, theft by deception.

Terry L. Hayes, 43, Prestonsburg, theft by failure to make disposition.

Buella Leckrone, 66, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.

Gary Lee Duncan, 42, Allen, alcohol intoxication.

Kathy Ann Patton, 31, McDowell, theft by unlawful taking.

Jimmy D. Clark, 23, Roanoke, Va., non-resident hunting without license.

Leonard D. Banton, 33, Prestonsburg, hunting/fishing without license.

Thomas R. Tilley, 35, Prestonsburg, no required flotation equipment.

Dwayne C. Salyer, 30, Prestonsburg, public intoxication, possession marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Melissa J. Young, 29, Harold, possession of marijuana, use/possession of paraphernalia.

Tia N. Poston, 18, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, terroristic threatening.

Melinda G. Short, 22, Langley, alcohol intoxication.

Lenny R. Goble, 33, Emma, alcohol intoxication.

Bradley Meade, 20, Bevsville, alcohol intoxication.

Steven Dalton, 20, Wayland,

alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Scotty Dee Clevenger, 40, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Jeff Tackett, 30, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.

Michael D. Kimmel, 28, Pikeville, public intoxication, criminal littering.

John D. Fitzpatrick, 32, Martin, hunting/fishing without license.

Erick D. Harlow, 31, Williamson, W.Va., failure to operate boat at idle speed.

Mary Muse, 47, Pikeville, riding in a high rise seat.

Lisa Ann Hicks, 40, Maynardville Tenn., public intoxication.

Tamera N. Hammond, 18, Tomahawk, hunting/fishing without license.

Ronald B. Bevins, 42, Pikeville, failure to display valid sticker, riding in high rise bass seat.

Deena S. Flannery, 35, McDowell, selling alcoholic beverage to minor.

Ronald Vanlterwyn, 18, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Polly Barnett, 20, Plant City, Fla., alcohol intoxication.

Hope Castle, 22, Flat Gap, alcohol intoxication.

Bradley Castle, 19, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Donnie Kistner, 20, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Michael Preston, 18, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Scotty Bradley, 20, Martin, harassing communications.

Loretta Perkins, 33, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

Sally Vance, 22,

State opens online vehicle registration renewal

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Forget the lines at the county clerk's office. And you won't need any stamps. You can now renew the registration of your passenger vehicle with a few clicks of the computer.

The computerized registration will cost a few dollars more and is now limited to motorists who get their insurance coverage from the four companies participating in the program. But more companies are signing on, and computer access in Kentucky, although among the lowest in the nation, is also improving.

Jefferson County Clerk Bobbie Holsclaw has been a test site for the online registration for several months and declared it a success on Wednesday.

"We have had absolutely no problems. It's great," Holsclaw said.

Gov. Paul Patton, on hand for a demonstration of the renewal system at a Capitol press conference, said it was part of the effort of his administration to change some of the culture of the bureaucracy.

"We fully recognize that they are our customers, and we in government intend to treat them that way," Patton said.

The system will not be available to everyone. Only people renewing registrations on vehicles they own - not lease - will be eligible. The first page of the Web site on registration renewal includes all the information required, such as the latest vehicle registration and title certificates, plus a Visa or Mastercard credit card.

The registration will include payment of property taxes on the vehicle, and there can be no overdue taxes.

As of this week, only Kentucky Farm Bureau, The Hartford, Prudential and USAA insurance companies are providing the electronic information about proof of insurance required for renewal on line. Mack Bushart, director of the Division of Vehicle Regulation,

said those companies insure about a third of Kentucky motorists and more than 40 companies have expressed interest in participating.

There will be a \$5 fee charged for online renewals. That is \$5 more than the cost of renewal in-person at a county clerk's office and \$3 more than registering through the mail. The additional fee is designed to cover the charge from the credit card company on the transaction.

Bushart said there should be no change in receipts to state government or county clerks.

Aldona Valicenti, the state's chief information officer, said surveys indicate that only about half of Kentuckians have easy access to a computer. But computers are available at all public libraries.

The Web site also includes information on the availability of vanity plates and specialty license plates, though they cannot be ordered online. Forms commonly needed for vehicle and boat renewals can also be printed or downloaded.

On the Net:

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet: www.kyrenew.com

Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Inspections

Otter Creek Correctional Facility, Wheelwright, follow-up inspection. Violations corrected: Shower stall ceiling tile missing, wall tile missing in shower stall, water fountain stream in contact with mouth guard.

Big Foot and Fuel, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Containers of unlisted food in walk-in without label, not all refrigerator and freezer units have thermometers, onions stored on the floor walk-in, wiping cloths not properly stored, mop head stored on the floor. Score: 96.

May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometer in ice-cream freezer, food products stored on floor of walk-in freezer, also bundle of bananas in back storage room, scoop used for self-rising flour has handle covered with food product, ice scoop stored on an unprotected surface not easily cleanable, light not shielded in walk-in freezer, drain not protected in some part of ground or screen, hand-sink out of towels. Score: 87, follow-up required.

McDowell Stop and Shop, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several refrigeration and freezer units do not have conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, proper dishwashing procedure not being followed at three-compartment sink, wiping cloths not properly stored, air-conditioning unit in back storage area is leaking onto the floor, both restrooms have no soap or towels, or self-closing doors, floor of food-preparation area has a large rug, the wall at the three-compartment sink is in disrepair. Score: 90.

Jerry's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food product stored on floor of food-preparation area, some food items stored in units need to be covered, shelves in back storage area are in disrepair, seals around some refrigerator units are in disrepair, plates not stored inverted or covered, mop sink used as hand-washing sink in

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food-prep area, does not have soap dispenser mounted, light not shielded in back food storage, mop head stored on floor, needs to be hung up or in a bucket, mop head being rinsed over plates in sink. Score: 85, follow-up required.

Property Transfers

Branch Banking and Trust Co. (BB&T) to Jacqueline Harrison, property located on Left Fork of Moore Branch of Beaver Creek.

George Hamilton to Pearl Keens, property location not listed.

Bobby Tackett and Gladys Tackett to Gordon Thornsberry and Lydia Thornsberry, property located at Weeksbury.

Jack Shannon Mulkey and Jennifer Mulkey to Timothy Martin and Leslie Martin, property located on Mare Creek.

Timothy E. Martin and Leslie L. Thompson (now Martin) to Randall Stapleton and Billie J. Stapleton, property located on Daniels Creek.

Amon Tackett and Sandra G. Tackett to Timmy Tackett and Pauletta Tackett, property location not listed.

Walker Howell, Madlyn H. Scott and Wesley Boyd and Beulah Boyd to Christopher Akers and Tracy Akers, property location not listed.

John H. Halbert and Linda Halbert to Jessica Prater, property located on Brush Creek, Right Beaver Creek.

Dolly Jean Thompson and Braxton Thompson Jr., to Cecil E. Boyd, property location not listed.

Ernest Collins to Michael A. Lafferty and Lisa Lafferty, property location not listed.

Barry Keith Hamilton and Shawn Hamilton to Barry Keith Hamilton and Shawn Hamilton, property located at KY 680.

Darrell Sizemore to James E. and Darla S. Click, property location not listed.

William Powell to Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell, property location not listed.

Jay Edward Akers, Sonia McElvoy, Larry Allen Akers, Sarah K. Akers to Burl Wells Spurlock and Charles E. Bradley, property location not listed.

Letters

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country.

We must be honest about the fact that what predominates the media is paid speech, approved speech and limited speech.

The next time you see President Bush or some senator or representative on the boob tube bragging about how this country stands for freedom and democracy around the world, remember the people of Tajikistan. Think about how they feel when they hear one of our politicians spouting off lies and deception to you, the American people.

Don't be surprised if someday one of them volunteers to come to America and bomb a building or hijack a plane. It won't be because one day this peaceful little man got brainwashed by some religious extremist zealot that he should hate all Christians. It will be because he lost his farm, home or loved ones defending what is his.

President George Bush knows all about Tajikistan. His national security advisor Congolese Rice is paid \$35,000 a year for being on the board of Exxon Mobile Tajikistan's operations. This is who you believe

in? This is who you would send your sons and daughters to war to fight for?

One last thing to those that use the Bible to support a fascist Israeli government: Shame on you. This is not the first time the Bible has been used to support racism. It was not long ago in this country that the Ku Klux Klan controlled our politics. They used the Bible to give legitimacy to terrorizing blacks and Jews in this country.

Racism is wrong, no matter who is doing the persecuting. Stealing what is not yours by force is wrong, no matter who is doing the stealing. This country is wrong in supporting corporations that kill and take what belongs to others by force. Worse yet, it is wrong for these corporations to get away with creating all this hate for we, the American people.

Stop being a sheep. Stop being a blind follower. Think for yourselves and join the Green Party. It is the only hope for an America that we can be proud of and an America once again loved around the world.

John Burgess
Louisa

UK considering changing or ending medical helicopter service

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky officials are considering changing or ending its medical helicopter service as a way to cut costs.

Air Medical Service has never been profitable and currently loses about \$1 million a year, said University of Kentucky Hospital director Joe Claypool.

The blue and white carriers transfer patients from accident scenes and rural hospitals to UK's Level I trauma center. The

center treats the most critically injured from the state's eastern half.

Hospital officials are considering scaling back or discontinuing service, or contracting with a service, such as LifeNet, the medical helicopter network that recently took control of St. Joseph Hospital's three helicopters.

"We look at a duplication of service," Claypool said about central and eastern Kentucky. "Two aeromedical services competing probably isn't necessary."

Medical helicopter flights are expensive, with an average cost of \$3,873 a run, according to a 1999 survey by the Association of Air Medical Services.

Air Medical Service, operated since 1987, has a medical staff of about 20 and helicopters in Lexington and Jackson.

A fatal crash of a UK medical helicopter in 1999 is not a factor in the deliberations, Claypool said.

Two pilots, a flight nurse and a paramedic died in the Breathitt County accident.

Where there's a hurricane, where there's a forest fire, where there's a search, where there's a rescue, where there are citizens in need, we're there.



Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting community meeting dates and public service announcements. Items must be either: Delivered to our office; faxed to 606-886-3603, or emailed: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed

on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

MASONIC LODGES PLAN ANNUAL OUTDOOR MEETING

James W. Alley Lodge No. 869 F&AM, Wayland, and John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will conduct their annual outdoor meeting on Saturday, August 3, at the Tom Flannery farm at Warco. The dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the conferral of the Master Mason degree at 6 p.m. Families, friends, and members of the Masonic Fraternity are welcome, and are encouraged to attend. Signs will be posted on Rt. 80, and more information can be obtained by calling 358-3001.

HALL FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Jethro Hall and Rosa Ellen "Doll" Meade Hall and Harrison Hall and Elizabeth Bates Hall will hold a reunion at the Archer Park Shelter on Saturday, July 27, 2002, beginning at 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more info., call Joyce Brock at (859) 296-9158 or Ben Hampton at (606) 874-6395 or Atlas D. Hall at (606) 889-9827.

PRATER FAMILY REUNION

To be held on Saturday, August 17, beginning at 12 p.m., at the Old Homeplace located on Prater Fork, Brush Creek. Please bring a covered dish to share, a lawn chair, and if possible, a gift. For more information, please call Clearce Prater at 285-9833.

ACHS CLASS OF '82

The Allen Central High School Class of 1982 will hold

a reunion on Sept. 7th and 8th. For more information about reunion plans, please contact the following: Tina at 285-0800; Lynn at 285-9813; Santa at 285-0668; or, Tommy at 886-9299.

BLHS CLASS OF '82

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1982 will hold a reunion on August 17, 2002, at 6 p.m., at the Paintsville Ramada Inn. Anyone who graduated, or would have graduated, with this class is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Diana at 587-2404; Pam at 478-1980; or Rebecca at 478-1861. You may also email to: blhs82@hotmail.com. All money for reservations must be received by August 1, 2002.

FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT

"July Jam" Concert featuring contemporary Christian bands such as Bigtone, Crossover, and

Fugitive will be held on Friday, July 26, at 7 p.m., at the New Generation Worship Center, located on New Paintsville Road in Salyersville. For more info, call 606-349-1393. Admission FREE to all.

"BACK TO SCHOOL" CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

New clothing and shoes, children's sizes 4-8 (some larger) will be given away at the Town Branch Church on Saturday, July 27, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. First come, first served. A special performance by visiting clowns, Mercy and Grace, will take place at 11 a.m., followed by the clothing give-away. For more information, call Tom Nelson at 889-9286.

MCCOY FAMILY REUNION

To be held Sunday, August 11, at 11 a.m., at the Sardis Association Building, Brushy

Creek (formerly the Brushy Elementary School). Please bring covered dish to be shared at 1 p.m. meal. For more information, contact: Betty Howard at 432-1601; Bertha Blackburn at 631-1005; Donna Taylor Morrison at 631-1763; or, Marquetta Deskins at 631-1811.

FCHD MEETING

The Floyd County Board of Health will meet in regular session the second Tuesday of September and December 2002 and March and June 2003. All meetings are held at the Prestonsburg Health Department building and begin at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

"Bring your own Team" golf tourney to be held on Saturday.

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Terry Southern, and George himself reinvented the movie as dark farce on the subject of the end of the world. See it back-to-back with, say, "Fail-Safe," which plays the same story straight (and was itself adapted from a novel), and you see why one has lasted while the other slipped into oblivion.

The other consistently well-done literary adaptation takes off from a peculiar kind of novel: one so short and of a piece that it's almost a movie already. "The Maltese Falcon" is one. "The Postman Always Rings Twice" another. The best example of this is Lewis Milestone's memorable version of "All Quiet on the Western Front." Or think of Martin Ritt's stunning version of "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" with the magnificently

bleached-dry Richard Burton. Yes, it does happen. But not often.

Perhaps the best form to carry the complexity, the density, the drama and the humor of a big novel is the television miniseries. In most cases, you need a dozen hours or so to accommodate the best of prose fiction. Anything less truncates, short-changes and destroys all those things that somehow are the novel: the milieu, the delightful smaller characters, the odd subplot, the subtle manipulations of point of view, the on-schedule arrival of epiphany.

The masterpiece of novel adaptation on television comes, as does the above "Came In From the Cold," from the complex John Le Carre, whose classic "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" was a beloved BBC series; later, an independent British television network did a wonderful job on "Smiley's People." On our side of the Atlantic, the fabulous CBS version of "Lonesome Dove," Larry McMurtry's epic novel of a cattle drive, is generally conceded to be top-drawer.

Novel-into-feature-film, though, usually doesn't work reliably. It never has. It never will. But they do it anyway, the dopes. And they will always do it. Now there's a new kind of novel from which Hollywood draws: the graphic novel, such as "Road to Perdition," which just arrived in a movie version. It's by no means the first, but it may be the biggest and most ambitious.

What is a graphic novel? Well, it's not exactly a comic book. If you call it one, I am sure you will be e-bombed into oblivion by its many aggressive adherents. In fact it is so far removed, thematically and artistically, from the comic book, it might even be seen as an anti-comic book, almost a reaction against the comic's arbitrary limits on complexity and maturity of theme. The comic book — from Porky Pig to Superman to Sgt. Rock — has pretty much been a settled issue since the '30s: a short, punchy story expressed over no more than 12 pages, with all dialogue contained in word bubbles and all sentences ending in exclamation points! The characters, super-powered or not, are constants, and the formula is precise. On top of those formal obligations are moral ones, as stated by an oppressively authoritarian comics code (a reaction against so-called "bad" comics in the '50s) that mandates peppy tastefulness.

Most baby boom kids saw through comic books by the time they reached adolescence—the same time they were noticing how phony movies and TV were. The books had their own kind of ridiculousness to them. Take a late-'50s hero, Sgt. Rock of Easy Company, in the DC Comics series. Rock never got hit and never panicked and always triumphed, shooting down Messerschmitts with his Tommy gun and throwing that grenade so well it always went down the Tiger tank's suspi-

ciously open hatch. The gun went "Budda-budda!" the explosion went "Ka-BLANG!" and at the end, Rock always said, "OK, Easy, let's move out." The strip was usually drawn by a great comic artist named Joe Kubert from scripts by Robert Kanigher; it was always amazing how much power and poignancy these stories managed. But you could feel, toward the end of the run (I read 'em all!), Kubert and Kanigher's disenchantment with the format. It was so limiting.

When change came — in the late '60s, that epoch of change — it came in the form of the graphic novel, imported from the Europe that always took popular art more seriously than did Americans.

This is no time or place for a history of the graphic novel, for two reasons: First, it would take too long, and second, I don't know it. What I do know is that, simultaneous with tear gas in the streets, loud music on the radio and love-ins on campuses, a magazine called Heavy Metal appeared on newsstands, and it pretty much blew the minds of whoever wandered between its pages.

It was adult comic art, and the stories were dark, troubled, violent, almost obscene, rendered with painfully vivid detail. They were long and complex, usually set in a sci-fi context. The high champion of this genre was the French comic artist calling himself Moebius, whose dystopian vision was mind-boggling, to say the least, and wildly influential. ("Blade Runner," ostensibly based on another Dick short story, showed clear Moebius influences.)

The profusion of graphic novels that have been adapted for screenplays—the "Batman" graphic novels (not the comic books), "From Hell," "Ghost World" and on and on—makes a salient point: Possibly the graphic novel is a better story vehicle than the novel for a feature film.

That's because a graphic novel isn't really a novel; what it is, really, is a movie in graphics. It tells stories visually, finding images to express emotions that would somehow be beyond a prose artist's ability to convey.

And that leads to a big question: If the DreamWorks studio goes to the trouble of buying a graphic novel and producing a movie based on it, why oh why did the filmmakers then all but abandon it?

"Road to Perdition" the novel is a black-and-white affair, and it's gritty, violent, Catholic and unbelievably fast-moving. It's an homage not merely to the crime films of the '30s but also to the Japanese samurai sensibility. It is said to be inspired by Kazuo Koike and Goseki Kojima's graphic novel series "Lone Wolf and Cub," about a masterless samurai on the road with his small son. The father's tenderness toward his son contrasts dynamically with his spasms of violence, as the best swordsmen in Japan. The violent sequences, like Rayner's,

are slick, abstract and compelling.

Collins and Rayner pick up on that. They give their Mike Sullivan a batch of shootouts where he outguns multiple antagonists, and the gimmick is usually that he is unarmed, he nabs a gun from somebody threatening him, and he goes to town, shooting faster and more accurately. But he's more than a dervish, he's a freakin' ninja: He spins, he rolls, he ducks, he darts, he never misses. So when Sullivan goes to speak to his betraying boss after his wife and child have been killed, he blows away 11 henchmen. A few pages later, visiting Al Capone's headquarters, he blows away 12 more.

Tom Hanks, as director Sam Mendes' Mike Sullivan, does none of this. It's not that he's not good with a gun (he is) but the violence has been Occidentalized; made smaller, less outrageous, less bloody, less absurdist, yet also more stylized. The many shootouts are staged like scenes from a highlight reel of Greek tragedy. A good fix? Well, possibly; after all, who wants to see Tom Hanks kill dozens of people if they aren't German soldiers?

On the other hand, when the novel's Michael Sullivan kills a bunch of Capone guys, it makes the war between him and Capone's mob, which fills the book and the movie's second half, dramatically believable. It flows from action; it is a consequence, directly, of Sullivan's own actions and he must deal with it.

In the movie, without that Capone gang massacre, the last half feels unrooted in cause and effect; it is motiveless, arbitrary. You cannot figure out why the Capone mob is going so nuts after this guy. As a courtesy to a downstate crime lord? That motive doesn't really wash; so the movie, in this and many other ways, begins to feel subtly incoherent, almost disassociative. They've fixed the story so much, they've broken it real good.

Indeed, director Mendes has largely abandoned the pictorial brilliance of Rayner and Collins' conception and substituted one of his own.

It's sparser, more formally aestheticized, less spontaneous, neater, less vibrant. It's wet (full of rain all the damned time), which, one critic notes, is less a climatic than a moral condition. It hasn't an ounce of the zest, the gritty vitality, the streety violence of the original. It's not a crime melodrama anymore, but some solemnized uber-myth, as stylized and stultified as Kabuki or Noh.

So the new paradigm isn't all that different from the old one. You write/draw a graphic novel, Hollywood buys it, and you go to the local bijou and see it 25 feet tall with beautiful people playing characters that began as slivers of your id. You're now rich, so you don't notice how they ruined it.

In other words, the picture book was better than the movie.

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Calendar

August 10, at Jenny Wiley Golf Course. Must register by Friday, August 9, 6 p.m. Registration fee required. Prizes on every hole - food, beverages available. Call Ted Hall at 886-1510, or 886-9777, or JWSP Pro Shop at 886-2711.

CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY
Will be held at Maytown Methodist Church on Monday, August 5, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. for those students who participate in the "Back to School" Health Fair. For more information, call 285-3808.

LEWIS FAMILY REUNION
Relatives and friends of the late Jack Lewis formerly of Bucks Branch, Martin, are invited to attend a family reunion that will be held on Saturday, July 27, at the Stumbo Park Convention Center, Allen. For more information, call Janie Hamilton at 660-874-5750.

"BACK TO SCHOOL" HEALTH FAIR
The Floyd County Health Department will give immunizations to students participating in the Health Fair on Monday, August 5, at Allen Elementary. In order to receive immunizations, parents must be present and have a current immunization record with them. Children who do not have immunization records with them will not receive immunizations that day. There may be a nominal fee for immunizations.

"EARN WHILE YOU LEARN"
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. is taking applications for the Senior Training Program. You must be 55 or older to apply. Floyd County - 886-2929; Pike County - 432-2775; Martin County - 298-3217; Magoffin County - 349-2217; Lawrence County - 638-4067; Johnson County - 789-6515.

CHILDERS FAMILY REUNION
Will be held Saturday, August 24, 2002, at Dewey Dam, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Picnic Shelter # 3. Registration to begin at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and cold drinks; other items will be provided. Program: Honoring our Family in the Military: Past and Present. Please bring copies of your family's military photos and/or military memorabilia. Families of Abraham and Elizabeth Preston, as well as other Childers lines are all welcome to attend. More info., contact Donna Cox, 1720 Phillip St., Ironton, OH, or call 740-532-6301, or email to: coxd@zoomnet.net.

CITY OF MARTIN VETERANS
Anyone wishing to have a story about a veteran published in the Annual Red, White and Blue Festival book, please mail stories and pictures (if available) to Martin City Hall, P.O. Box 749, Martin, KY 41649, or call 606-285-9335 and ask for Pam Justice. Deadline is August 30, 2002.

WHEELWRIGHT HIGH CLASS OF '57
The Wheelwright High School Class of 1957 will hold a reunion on Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A finger food luncheon will be served at noon followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more info., contact Gene Mosley at 859-744-8438, or fax to 859-737-4202, or email to: mosley@meginc.com.

HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR
■ July 24 - Senior Advantage - Meeting Place A & B, 9:30-11 a.m.
■ July 26 - Living Well With Diabetes - Floyd Room, 5-6 p.m.
■ July 26 - Childbirth Classes - Floyd Room, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Vickie Harmon at 886-8511, ext. 7589 to reserve space.

HRMC AUGUST CALENDAR
■ August 1 - Blood Drive, Meeting Rooms A & B, 7a.m. - 4p.m.
■ August 13 - Sr. Advantage, Meeting Rooms A & B, 9a.m. - 12p.m.; Mended Hearts, Meeting Room B, 6p.m.

- 7p.m.; Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Martin Room, 7p.m. - 9p.m.
■ August 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Room B, 5p.m. - 7p.m.
■ August 27 - Living Well With Diabetes, Floyd Room, 5p.m. - 6p.m.
■ August 30 - Childbirth Class, Floyd Room, 8a.m. - 4:30p.m. Please call Vickie Harmon at 886-8511, ext. 7589 to reserve your space.

HUNTER SCHOOL REUNION
The Hunter School and Community Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2002, at the McDowell/Minnie Senior Citizen Center. The days events will begin at 10 a.m. with old photos, special music, etc. A 12 noon meal will be served - please bring a covered dish to share; meats and drinks will be provided. At 1:00 a musical tribute to past memories will be held. Following, more activities will take place at the "Old Hunter" Schoolyard. More info., call 358-3006 or 285-3910.

WHEELWRIGHT CLASS OF '58 REUNION
Will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. For more information, contact Brenda Vance at (740) 642-2648, or email: bbvance@adelphia.net, or bbvance@msn.com, or contact Joann Little Martin at (606) 285-9387.

PHS CLASSES OF '35 TO '49 REUNION
A reunion of the Prestonsburg High School classes of 1935 to 1949 is being planned for Saturday, August 24, 2002. Anyone who graduated or would have graduated is welcome to attend. All addresses are needed for each class. Send addresses to Dallas or Ruby Sammons, KY Rt. 321, Box 3461, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or call, 606-886-2684.

WAYLAND HIGH CLASS OF 1946
The Wayland High School Class of 1946 and 1947 will meet on Saturday, August 31, 2002, at the Wayland Historical Building, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Patty Shepherd DeCoursey, P.O. Box 485, Hindman, KY, 41822.

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4-H NEWS - SPRING 2002
Summer Camp - will be held July 29-August 2 at Felmer 4-H Camp. Fee is \$90. Registration deadline is July 12. Applications accepted first-come, first-serve basis.
Shooting Sports - The 2002 Shooting Sports Educational program has begun. If you are 9-18 and are interested in becoming involved, contact the extension office. Disciplines include: .22 rifles, archery, and trap (.20 and .12 gauge).
The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office is located in Prestonsburg, on South Lake Drive, across from Brad Hughes Toyota. For questions about the 4-H program, contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668, or e-mail to: cstamper@uky.edu.

PHS CLASS OF '82
Are you a graduate of or would you have graduated with the Prestonsburg High School Class of 1982? If so, please contact either Ronald Rowe, at (859) 608-0565 or (606) 886-2904 or e-mail to: dan.coo-ley@mail.state.ky.us Plans for the 20th year class reunion are being made now.
MCDOWELL HIGH CLASS OF '92
A reunion of the McDowell High School Class of 1992 is currently being planned. Anyone who graduated from, or would have graduated from, MHS in '92 is welcome to become a part of the planning forum. All addresses are needed for each classmate. Send addresses and any suggestions to: Debbie (Fannin) Crum, P.O. Box 506, McDowell, KY

41647 or Misty Little, Unit 2, Box 4, Martin Drive, Minnie, KY 41651.

CLASS OF '92 REUNION
All Betsy Layne High School class of 1992 that are interested in attending the ten-year class reunion, contact Patty Williams Meade at 606-478-5740 or Tracy Kidd Young at 606-587-1320. Phone numbers and addresses needed.

PHS GRADS OF 1992 PLAN REUNION
The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derosssett at (606) 874-9514.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"
■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pike-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.
■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.
■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

■ Domestic Violence—24 hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors—Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children—Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

■ Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

Odds

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"If I was homeless and hungry, I don't think I could pass one up," he said.
■ HARTFORD, Conn. - Travelers Property Casualty Corp. has a challenge for its employees: Come up with a logo that can fill the shoes of the company's famous red umbrella, which it lost when it split from Citigroup last year.
The Hartford insurer will accept logo designs from workers and members of their immediate families. The designer of the logo that gets chosen will win a trip for four to Disney World.
When Travelers regained its independence from parent company Citigroup in December, it agreed to relinquish the logo by March 2004. Citigroup retained Travelers Life & Annuity, which will continue to use the red umbrella.
Travelers hopes to announce a winner in September. A panel of executives and other employees will judge the entries. The entry judged the best will win the prize, whether or not the company actually ends up using the logo.
Travelers spokesman Keith Anderson conceded that cost concerns played a role in the company's decision not to hire a consultant, but said the company believes its employees could come up with better ideas than a consultant.
Designs that include umbrellas of any color will be disqualified.

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Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make their children much better students and better people.

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Song

to, he didn't arrive there in a vacuum. I don't condone what he did. Still, he's a 20-year-old kid. My son Justin is almost exactly Walker's age. Would I be upset if he suddenly turned up fighting for the Islamic Jihad? Sure, absolutely. Fundamentalism, as practiced by the Taliban, is the enemy of real thought, and religion, too. ... The culture here didn't impress him, so he went out looking for something to believe in."

Danny Goldberg, the president of Artemis Records, Earle's label, says the song reminds him of several on Bruce Springsteen's 1982 album, "Nebraska," which is "about criminals, but written in the first person, getting into their minds,

not advocating but understanding. On his last album, Steve had 'Jonathan's Song,' written in the first-person voice of a convicted murderer who was, in fact, guilty. He was morally wrong and a bad person, but Steve still chose to see humanity in him without condoning his actions."

In fact, the upcoming Springsteen album, "The Rising," includes a song titled "Paradise," a first-person narrative at least partly representing the view of a Palestinian suicide bomber.

"This song is being reduced to absurd black and white," says Grant Alden, editor and publisher of No Depression, the journal of alt-country music. "But it

does not take, as far as I can tell, a position past sympathy for someone who is young and seeking truth.

"The media has turned a 20-year-old kid into the Great Satan, and Steve has the courage, or temerity, to investigate him sympathetically, which is what artists are supposed to do."

For many years, Earle has been active in the movement to abolish the death penalty, as well as the campaign against land mines.

His play "Karla," about Karla Faye Tucker, the first woman executed in Texas in 135 years, opens in Nashville later this year. Goldberg says Earle may well have been responding to a

public outcry for Lindh's execution when he wrote and recorded "John Walker's Blues" several months ago, before the plea bargain. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 4.

"Jerusalem" will touch on a number of political and social issues, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, political conspiracies and legislation Earle sees as reactionary.

In the media kit that will accompany the album, Earle writes: "This is a political record because there seems no other response to the place we're at now. But I'm not trying to get myself deported or something. In a big way this is the most pro-American record I've ever made."

Powers

"Goldmember" is the wealth of big-name celebrity cameos.

The movie opens promisingly with a batch of major, major star walk-ons. After that, "Austin Powers" goes into a freeze deeper than the 30 years of suspended animation the title character underwent in the original movie.

There's barely a chuckle for the next 45 minutes as Austin and Foxy lumber through bad slapstick and dull dialogue. A string of sight gags finally click late in the game, but that handful of laughs can't resuscitate the movie.

It's hard to fault director Jay Roach, returning for his third "Austin Powers" flick and managing at least to keep things

nicely in motion considering the weak material. The problem is the overheated leftovers that make up the screenplay, and that comes right back to Myers' door.

In case anyone's thinking of a fourth "Austin Powers" movie, Myers should exercise his license to kill this franchise and save his once fresh and flighty character from devolving into an international man of misery.

"Austin Powers in Goldmember," a New Line Cinema release, is rated PG-13 for sexual innuendo, crude humor and language. Running time: 95 minutes. Two stars out of four (rating that highly only for the celebrity cameos).

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When it comes to eligibility, more is better

by TOM DIENHART
THE SPORTING NEWS

No matter who you are or what you do, you always are looking for more time. Time to study, time to work, time to rest, time to play. We all could benefit from more time. The same goes for college football, in the form of an extra year of eligibility for players.

Under most circumstances, players currently are allowed five years to play four seasons. But there has been talk in some circles of dumping redshirt seasons and allowing players to compete for five seasons.

"We have talked about it in the Big 12," says Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney. "Overall, everyone is in strong agreement that we feel it's something we are interested in looking into more and getting started."

Think of the benefit an extra year of eligibility would provide in a player's develop

(See **BETTER**, page three)

Fishing

Webb wins Dewey Lake tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

On July 20, the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its fifth tournament of the 2002 season and its first of two-night tournaments, at Dewey Lake. The club had 14 boats compete in the tournament.

The lake was in good shape for a night tournament with clear to lightly stained water on the lower end of the lake and stained water toward the river. The weather all week leading up to this tournament had been full of thunderstorms and rain everyday. Fortunately for the anglers, the weather cleared up Saturday and there was not a cloud in the sky all day and night. And, this might explain why the fishing was not very good.

The fishing for this tournament was in fact - slow. The fish were not very active and getting them to hit a fast moving bait was near impossible for the anglers. Most of the fish were caught after dark but they never moved shallow to feed. Everyone reported catching their keepers fairly deep. Of course, the baits of choice for most every competitor was soft plastics fished slowly across the bottom.

The club weighed in 10 legal fish for 22.95-pounds.

The top finishers are as follows:

- Johnny Webb - 3 bass - 7.73-pounds.
- Kevin Runyon - 2 bass - 4.77-pounds.
- Ralph Taylor - 2 bass - 4.19-pounds
- Jimmy Kirk - 1 bass - 2.50-pounds.
- Brad May - 1 bass - 2.12-pounds.

(See **WEBB**, page three)

Golf

Paintsville Little League schedules golf scramble

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The Paintsville Little League is having its 4th Annual Golf Scramble, on Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Paintsville Country Club. Anyone who wants to play is invited to enjoy a

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HATFIELD-McCOY BOWL 2002



Coach Nate Jones and his staff put players to work this week in practice sessions in preparation for Saturday's game in Matewan, W.Va.

photos by Jamie Howell

Players added to Hatfield-McCoy Kentucky squad

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Former South Floyd High School head football coach Nate Jones and his Kentucky staff have a host of talent lining up for Saturday's Hatfield-McCoy Bowl.

This year's Kentucky squad will be quarterback by Paintsville grad Chas Harmon. Recent additions to the team include Andrew Howell (Prestonsburg), Kyle O'Bryan (Paintsville), Chad Webb (Allen Central) and Tony White (Prestonsburg).

Jones will make the most of his roster as he plans to ensure all players an equal amount of playing time.

Counties represented on this year's

The game is a continuation of

the state of West Virginia's oldest bowl game, the Kiwanis Senior Bowl, which began in the 1950s and ended due to financial prob-

lems in the mid-1990s. The bowl game was renamed and restarted

(See **BOWL**, page three)



Allen Elementary finalizes football schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Floyd County Preseason Grid will be the first action of the upcoming grade school football season

for the Allen Elementary Eagles. Allen will play John M. Stumbo in the grid at Prestonsburg High School on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. Following the grid, things get real busy for the Eagles.

On August 22, Allen will travel north to take on Betsy Layne in a game set for a 6 p.m. start. On August 24, Allen will play Warfield in the Sandy Valley Preseason Grid at Highlands Elementary in Johnson

County just two days later in a noon game. The August portion of the schedule comes to a close for Allen on

(See **ALLEN**, page five)



Dirt track racer Lee Neil scored a win in the Super Street division at Carter County's Willard Speedway Sunday afternoon.

photo by Steve LeMaster

FC Special Olympics announces signup dates

If anyone is unable to attend one of the signup sessions, they can call 606/452-9564, or call Special Olympics Kentucky at 1-800-633-7403.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Signups for Floyd County Special Olympics bowling participants and volunteers will be held on two separate dates in

August. The first signup will be Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Weeksbury Community Center from 5-7:30 p.m. The second signup will be at the Floyd County Library meeting room in Prestonsburg on August 22, from 5-7:30 p.m.

"We would like to form a league for training and competition if we have enough bowlers and volunteers," said Special Olympics head Ed Senig.

(See **OLYMPICS**, page five)

LONESOME PINE

Thirty years of history

by JESSICA BARNETT

July 22, 1972 is a very important date. No, it is not a historical event that went down in history books to be taught in classrooms, but it is important nonetheless. On this date thirty years ago, Lonesome Pine International

Raceway was open to the public to host the first of many races to come.

When the idea of building a racetrack in Coeburn, Virginia was conceived people in the county, surrounding counties, and even surrounding states could not wait for the establishment to be open to the public. It took an estimated \$1.3 million dollars



■ Kinzer

to build this top-of-the-line facility.

In its' inaugural race there were an estimated 7,000 spectators that came out to be part of all the excitement. Each Saturday night people come in droves to see who the eventual winner would be. The Raceway even sold raffle tickets

(See **HISTORY**, page three)

AUTO RACING

Thunder Ridge races again Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

One week after playing host to a new event, Thunder Ridge Raceway returns back to its roots this weekend by hosting dirt track racing with racers hitting the dirt for prize money in five different classes, including Limited Late Model and Late Model.

The AMA Progressive Insurance U.S. Flat Track Championship came to Prestonsburg and Thunder Ridge Raceway last week and defending champ Chris Carr rode away with another win in impressive fashion.

The AMA Progressive Insurance U.S. Flat Track Championship makes its annual visit to Lowe's Motor Speedway's half-mile dirt oval this Saturday for the Wendy's AMA Charlotte Grand National, round 10 of the 20-race series.

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Briefs

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — A federal judge scheduled an Oct. 11 conference for the racketeering suit filed by Canadian investors against baseball commissioner Bud Selig and former Montreal Expos owner Jeffrey Loria.

Fourteen Canadian corporations filed suit last week in U.S. District Court in Miami, accusing Selig, Loria and their staffs of mail fraud and wire fraud. Loria and Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, have denied the charges, saying the suit was without merit.

NEW YORK — Al Leiter agreed to an \$18 million, two-year extension with the New York Mets rather than test an uncertain free-agent market in an offseason threatened with another work stoppage.

Leiter will get \$8 million in each of the next two seasons, and the sides have a \$10 million mutual option for 2005 with a \$2 million buyout.

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners purchased the contract of left-handed reliever Doug Creek from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and designated left-hander Mark Watson for assignment to Triple-A Tacoma.

Creek, 33, was 2-1 with a 6.27 ERA in 29 relief appearances for Tampa Bay and was designated for assignment July 20.

CYCLING

LA PLAGNE, France — Lance Armstrong extended his overall lead to more than five minutes, finishing third behind Dutch rider Michael Boogerd in the grueling 16th stage from Les Deux-Alpes to La Plagne — the most difficult of the Tour de France.

The 30-year-old Texan finished well ahead of his nearest rival, Spain's Joseba Beloki, and stretched his lead from 4 minutes, 21 seconds to 5:06 — a huge margin row that the Tour's toughest stages are over.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK — John Rigas, the founder of bankrupt Adelphia Communications Corp. and owner of the Buffalo Sabres, and two of his sons were charged with conspiracy for allegedly looting the cable TV provider and using it as their "personal piggy bank."

Authorities said the defendants had \$2.3 billion in liabilities from investors.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The Los Angeles Kings acquired forward Erik Rasmussen from the Buffalo Sabres for forward Adam Mair and a fifth-round selection in next year's draft.

FOOTBALL

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A former Pittsburgh Steelers football player whose career ended because of a knee injury has lost his bid to have the state workers' compensation law overturned as it applies to professional athletes.

The legal challenge by Mitch Lyons, a former tight end and special teams player, was rejected by a Commonwealth Court panel that ruled that the law didn't violate the constitution by treating certain professional athletes differently than any other

worker in awarding partial disability benefits.

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Giants signed quarterback Kerry Collins through the 2004 season, agreeing to a two-year contract extension, less than 24 hours before the start of training camp.

Collins, who would have become a free agent after this season, will earn \$15.4 million over the next three seasons. The deal will create enough salary cap room to enable the Giants to re-sign backup quarterback Jason Garrett.

LATROBE, Pa. — Anko Iso was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers as an assistant athletic trainer, making her the NFL's first full-time female trainer.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES — Frenchman Michael Llodra upset third-seeded countryman Sebastien Grosjean 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3), leaving the Mercedes-Benz Cup without two of its top three seeds after the second round.

No. 4 Andy Roddick restored some order with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Brian Yehaly, a 23-year-old from Atlanta ranked No. 118.

STANFORD, Calif. — Lindsay Davenport was impressive in her first tournament match in nine months, beating Anne Kremer 6-3, 6-0 to reach the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West Classic.

KITZBUHEL, Austria — France's Jean Rene Lisnard upset No. 9 seed Marcelo Rios of Chile 7-5, 6-4 to eliminate the ATP's one-time top player at the \$1 million Generali Open.

SOPOT, Poland — Dinara Safina, the younger sister of U.S. Open champion Marat Safin, beat second-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-1, 6-1 to advance to the third round of the Idea Prokom Open.

GOLF

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dottie Pepper, who has won 17 times on the LPGA Tour, will miss the rest of this season because her left shoulder hasn't fully healed from surgery in March.

Pepper will also miss the Solheim Cup competition between the United States and Europe, to be played Sept. 20-22 in Edina, Minn.

DETROIT — Tiger Woods plans to play in the Buick Open next month, a source close to Woods told The Associated Press.

The Buick Open, scheduled for Aug. 8-11 in Grand Blanc, Mich., will be Woods' first tournament since the British Open.

Woods will team with Jack Nicklaus and face Sergio Garcia and Lee Trevino in the Battle at Bighorn, a best-ball match, on Monday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A former soccer player who kicked a career-long 36-yard field goal in high school will try out next month to be the first woman to play football for Penn State.

Stephanie Weimer, a three-year starter at place-kicker for Serra Catholic in McKeesport, Pa., will try out with other potential walk-ons when classes start in August.

SPORTSBOARD

MLB Baseball Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	36	.647	—	New York	63	37	.630	—
New York	52	49	.515	13 1/2	Boston	58	41	.586	4 1/2
Montreal	50	51	.495	15 1/2	Baltimore	47	51	.480	15
Florida	49	52	.485	16 1/2	Toronto	44	55	.444	18 1/2
Philadelphia	46	54	.460	19	Tampa Bay	32	67	.323	30 1/2

Central Division					Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	55	43	.561	—	Minnesota	61	42	.592	—
Cincinnati	53	48	.525	3 1/2	Chicago	47	59	.456	14
Houston	49	51	.490	7	Cleveland	44	56	.440	15 1/2
Pittsburgh	47	54	.465	9 1/2	Kansas City	43	57	.430	16 1/2
Chicago	43	56	.434	12 1/2	Detroit	37	62	.374	22
Milwaukee	35	67	.343	22					

West Division					West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	60	41	.594	—	Seattle	61	40	.604	—
San Francisco	57	44	.564	3	Anaheim	59	40	.596	1
Los Angeles	57	45	.559	3 1/2	Oakland	59	42	.584	2
Colorado	48	54	.471	12 1/2	Texas	42	58	.420	18 1/2
San Diego	43	58	.426	17					

Tuesday's Games
 Philadelphia 7, Chicago Cubs 4
 Atlanta 5, Florida 3
 N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 3
 Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 2
 Houston 7, Milwaukee 4
 Arizona 8, Colorado 5
 Los Angeles 8, San Diego 6
 St. Louis 4, San Francisco 0

Wednesday's Games
 Cincinnati 10, Pittsburgh 5
 Atlanta 10, Florida 0
 Philadelphia 4, Chicago Cubs 2
 San Diego 8, Los Angeles 0
 San Francisco 6, St. Louis 4

Thursday's Games
 Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-8) at Chicago (C.Zambrano 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
 St. Louis (T.Smith 3-1) at San Francisco (Jensen 10-6), 3:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Benson 3-4) at Houston (Sparto 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Ol Perez 3-2) at Arizona (Patterson 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Florida (Penny 4-4) at Montreal (Yoshii 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Today's Games
 Florida at Montreal, 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.

- 16. Shinji Nakano, 31.
- 17. Townsend Bell, 19.
- 18. Tony Kanaan, 17.
- 19. Oriol Servia, 13.
- 20. Mario Dominguez, 7.

FORMULA ONE

The 2002 Formula One schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

MARCH

March 3 — Australian Grand Prix, Melbourne. (Michael Schumacher)
 March 17 — Malaysian Grand Prix, Kuala Lumpur. (Ralf Schumacher)
 March 31 — Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo. (Michael Schumacher)

APRIL

April 14 — San Marino Grand Prix, Imola, Italy. (Michael Schumacher)
 April 28 — Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona. (Michael Schumacher)
 April 28 — Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona. (Michael Schumacher)

MAY

May 12 — Austrian Grand Prix, Spielberg. (Michael Schumacher)
 May 28 — Monaco Grand Prix, Monte Carlo. (David Coulthard)

JUNE

June 9 — Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal. (Michael Schumacher)
 June 23 — European Grand Prix, Nurburgring, Germany. (Rubens Barrichello)

JULY

July 7 — British Grand Prix, Silverstone, England. (Michael Schumacher)
 July 21 — French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours. (Michael Schumacher)
 July 28 — German Grand Prix, Hockenheim.

AUGUST

Aug. 18 — Hungarian Grand Prix, Budapest.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 — Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.
 Sept. 15 — Italian Grand Prix, Monza.
 Sept. 29 — U.S. Grand Prix, Indianapolis.

OCTOBER

Oct. 13 — Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka.

DRIVER STANDINGS

- 1. x-Michael Schumacher, 95.
- 2. Juan Pablo Montoya, 34.
- 3. Rubens Barrichello, 32.
- 3. Ralf Schumacher, 32.
- 5. David Coulthard, 30.
- 6. Kimi Raikkonen, 17.
- 7. Jenson Button, 11.
- 8. Nick Heidfeld, 6.
- 8. Giancarlo Fisichella, 6.
- 10. Jarno Trulli, 4.
- 10. Felipe Massa, 4.
- 12. Jacques Villeneuve, 3.
- 12. Eddie Irvine, 3.
- 14. Olivier Panis, 2.
- 14. Mark Webber, 2.
- 14. Mika Salo, 2.
- 14. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, 2. (x-clinched championship)

College

UK lineman Hall creates complete college experience

What do athletics, academics, and culture have in common? They are all components of the first Complete College Experience, a one-day camp solely created and designed by Kentucky football player Antonio Hall.

Hall, a sophomore offensive tackle from Canton, Ohio, created the program to give middle school-age students a chance to experience the benefits of college before they undergo the peer pressures and rigorous demands of high school. The mentoring program promotes the importance of continuing education and athletics, providing a glimpse

of the real college experience.

"When I was in the eighth grade, I was a knucklehead sometimes," Hall said. "But a teacher took interest in me and took me to a University of Pittsburgh football game. I knew after watching those guys that I wanted to be a student-athlete and I didn't want to do anything in high school to mess that up."

The goals of CCE are three-fold: expose middle-school students to college life not just in athletics but in academics and culture, inspire them to set goals to make the grade on and off the field throughout their high school careers, and provide a window to show the endless opportunities for them once they get to college.

"Antonio came to me and expressed his interest to get this started because of his experience when he was in middle school," Lisa Buchanan, UK Outreach Coordinator said. "He wanted to give the kids the same opportunity that he had. He's done an incredible job spearheading this program."

Thirty middle-school student-athletes will participate in the program on Saturday on the UK campus, beginning with a tour of the Center For Academic and Tutorial Services. The tour also will take them to all athletic facilities and specific areas on campus such as the College of Engineering and the Singletary Arts Center. The students also will participate in team building simulations and rap sessions.

"It's an honor that UK wants to work with our students and I applaud Antonio and thank him so much," T.C. Johnson, the Youth Service Center Coordinator at Winburn Middle School said. "This program is so beneficial because a majority of our students have never been on a college campus. CCE will bring more of an awareness of the partnership between athletics and academics. The earlier we can allow these middle-school students to experience the opportunities of higher education it may motivate them to do better."

Hall, a gifted opera singer, is majoring in music education at UK and plans to teach music to children following his playing career.

"Antonio has come over to our school several times and the kids enjoy talking to him. We call him the 'gentle giant,'" Johnson said. "They ask him so many questions and what surprises them the most is when he talks about his classes and how one of his main reasons he chose Kentucky was for its music major. When they think of athletics they don't think of the education part. Some of our student-athletes do well academically during their playing season and then 'slack off' when the season is over. CCE will hopefully change that way of thinking."

Around 10 other UK student-athletes from various sports have joined in the effort with Hall to provide assistance during the day and answer questions about college athletics.

"Antonio has set the model for other college student-athletes to get involved and give back to the community," Johnson said. "The more we can get our kids to partner with the community the better we, as a community, will be in the future."

Hall hopes the program will continue to grow even after he graduates from UK.

"If it hadn't been for my experience as an eighth-grader, I'm not sure I would have been serious enough about high school to even make it to college," Hall said. "When you have a goal to work toward it helps you stay focused. My goal was to become a college football player and study music and now I'm doing both. If CCE helps just one student achieve his or her goals, then it's all worth it."

designated sports

- 2:30 p.m. - Team Building Activities - CATS
- 4 p.m. - Pictures with UK students/Wrap-up session

Golf

Inkster has been around the LPGA's best

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Juli Inkster made her mark in women's golf before she even played on the LPGA Tour.

She won three straight U.S. Amateurs from 1980-82, the first woman to do that since 1934. She started playing professionally in 1981 and joined the tour full time in 1983.

Twenty-eight victories — including seven majors — later, she is still one of the most formidable players in the LPGA. She is second on this year's money list and is the current U.S. Open champion.

The Open victory on July 7 came at Prairie Dunes in Kansas, where she won the Amateur title 22 years ago.

"I just keep shaking my head at even having a chance to do that, to be playing golf 22 years later, let alone having a chance to win our biggest event," she said.

After her second Open title in a last-round shootout with Annika Sorenstam, Inkster took some time off.

"The two weeks were very busy but not much golf," Inkster said. "There was a lot of softball because my daughter was in two tournaments."

"The Open was real stressful and I needed to get away."

She returns this week at the Big Apple Classic, which was to begin Thursday at Wykagyl Country Club outside New York City. Inkster won this tournament in 1992, beating Nancy Lopez by two strokes.

Now the golfers she must fend off include Sorenstam and Karrie Webb. One of them has led the tour in earnings the last seven years, with Sorenstam breaking the \$2 million mark last season.

"What Annika has done the last five years is phenomenal and Karrie is the same. Karrie isn't having that great a year, but she's capable of winning four, five in a row," Inkster said. "I don't feel like I'm in their company. They're great golfers and I'm just trying to win some big ones while I can."

"I feel like I've had a great career and been able to accomplish a lot in my career, but I guess what I'm trying to say is I don't feel like I'm ever the best golfer. Annika is the best right now and when I was playing well in the '80s, Patty Sheehan, Pat Bradley and Betsy King were the best golfers. So I've never felt I was ever really the No. 1 chess."

Sorenstam, who won the year's first major at the Nabisco Championship, saw firsthand at the Open how well Inkster still plays, even at 42.

"I really played great golf all week. I was one of only two players under par," Sorenstam said. "I was very proud of the way I played. I gave it all. It's just that Juli was on fire. She played really great. I did everything I could, but that was just something I could not control."

Se Ri Pak, third on the money list behind Sorenstam and Inkster, withdrew Monday without giving a reason. She played seven of the last eight weeks and in the first six of those tournaments she was no worse than 11th, including winning the LPGA Championship to join Sorenstam and Inkster as winners of majors this year. Last week, at the Giant Eagle Classic, Pak finished tied for 41st.

Rosie Jones is the defending champion of the Big Apple Classic, which is sponsored by Sybase. She took the last two weeks off and hasn't had a top 10 finish since being second to Laura Diaz in the Corning Classic on May 26. Diaz finished one stroke behind Jones at this event last year.

Tennis

Davenport cruises in injury comeback

By GREG BEACHAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

STANFORD, Calif. — Lindsay Davenport insists she'll need several weeks to get back in top shape after nine months off the tour.

Her opponents suspect she's almost already there.

With her serve topping 105 mph, Davenport beat Anne Kremer 6-3, 6-0 Wednesday night to reach the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West Classic.

Looking fit and light on her feet, Davenport was making her return to the tour following knee surgery in January. She lost her serve early, but roared past Kremer by winning 16 straight points to open the second set.

"I was really excited before I got out there," Davenport said. "Win or lose, it was huge progress to get back on the court. It was a great evening — one of the best I've had in a long time."

In the other match on the side-by-side courts at the Taube Family Tennis Center, third-seeded Monica Seles beat Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals.

But the eyes of the sellout crowd were on Davenport, whose mobility increased along with the speed of her serve in the second set.

"Nine months is an extremely long time, but it might not be a problem for her," Seles said. "She's an extremely talented player. I think she'll get back on her game really quick."

Davenport needed just 45 minutes to dispatch Kremer, the world No. 21 who played two years at Stanford.

"She looked great," Kremer said. "It's hard to play when somebody is overpowering you all the time. I thought she was pretty close to her top level."

Davenport hasn't played a WTA event since November, when she injured her knee in a match at the Sanex Championships in Munich, Germany. She spent nine weeks on crutches, working out in a pool and watching the Grand Slam tournaments on television.

Davenport returned to action with two Fed Cup matches last weekend against Israel, but she'll need every match she can get leading to the U.S. Open in five weeks.

"I've never been happier to be back on the court," Davenport said. "I definitely shed a few tears in the locker room. This is where I've wanted to be since I got wheeled out of surgery."

She finished 2001 ranked No. 1, but has slipped to No. 9. Davenport received a special injury exemption to take the second seeding in the Bank of the West, where she won in 1998 and 1999.

Martinez 1-6, 6-0, 6-1 in an early match Wednesday. Dokic, ranked No. 6, dropped the first set in just more than 15 minutes, but recovered in plenty of time.

"I didn't run in the first set," Dokic said. "I wasn't in the match at all."

Seles, who won the tournament in 1990 and 1992, fought through a difficult match against Tanasugarn, a Thai whose court coverage caused problems for her opponent. Seles connected on just 55 percent of her first serves in consistent wind.

"It was a very tough match in tough conditions for me," Seles said. "I'm happy I started playing better in the third set, but it really could have gone either way."

In other early matches, seventh-seeded Daja Bedanova beat Tatjana Panova 6-3, 6-4, and Jelena Jankovic downed Sarah Taylor 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles, third-seeded Anna Kournikova and Meghann Shaughnessy beat Jill Craybas and Sarah Taylor 6-4, 6-0. Kournikova ended her five-match singles losing streak Tuesday night with a victory over Anna Smashnova.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated 1B-OF Chris Richard from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned OF Luis Matos to Rochester of the International League. Announced OF Luis Garcia cleared waivers and was sent outright to Rochester.

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP Dustin Hermanson on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled LHP Casey Fossum from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed LHP Hector Murray on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 22. Recalled RHP Dave Elder from Buffalo of the International League. Signed OF Jason Cooper.

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed SS Ramon Santiago on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Craig Monroe from Toledo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed 1B Mike Sweeney on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 16. Recalled 1B Chan Perry from Wichita of the Texas League. Transferred OF Mark Quinn from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed LHP Ted Lilly on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 21. Recalled RHP Aaron Harang from Sacramento of the PCL.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired LHP Doug Creek from Tampa Bay for cash. Designated LHP Mark Watson for assignment.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS — Sent INF-OF Dave McCarty outright to Durham of the International League. Recalled OF Orlando Hudson from Syracuse of the International League. Optioned INF Joe Lawrence to Syracuse.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed 1B Sean Casey on the 15-day disabled list.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Sent RHP Nelson Figueroa outright to Indianapolis of the International League. Purchased the contract of LHP Jimmy Osting from Indianapolis.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with LHP Al Leiter on a two-year contract extension.

Better

ment. Practice may make perfect, but almost any coach will say there's no substitute for game experience. Having the option of a fifth year would allow a coach to insert a true freshman into a game for a few plays or on special teams without fear of wiping out a full season of eligibility.

"I would have played D.J. (Shockley, a top quarterback prospect) last year if I knew he had five to play five," says Georgia Coach Mark Richt. "I could have played him at any time in the season when I thought it was a good time for him to get his feet wet. I was very cautious to not play him. If I was gonna play him, he would have had to battle for the starting job. I couldn't just let him play some to help him progress. I had to either play him full-out or hold him."

By playing Shockley here and there, Richt would have been honing an insurance policy had starter David Greene suffered an injury late in the season. Instead of having to insert a raw quarterback, Richt could have put in a passer with a little experience.

"That's when the real benefit comes—in November of a guy's freshman year," says Boston College Coach Tom O'Brien. "If you have some injury problems to your seniors and you're getting down to games you have to win. ... Now, if you have a kid who hasn't played for nine or 10 games and you play him one game, you cost him his redshirt year and a year of eligibility. He may not have been ready to play earlier in the year."

"But by the end of the year, to get in the rotation to help the other 21 guys on the field win a game, you can't play him because you have to redshirt

him. Then, you put him in a game and get his family mad at you because you cost him a year for 22 plays."

Facing Georgia in the Music City Bowl last season, O'Brien had just two healthy scholarship defensive ends. The Eagles had two promising freshman defensive ends on the roster, but O'Brien wanted to preserve a season of eligibility for them instead of using up a year's worth in the bowl game. Lucky for him, his third defensive end was a walk-on who had some experience.

Not every coach is as fortunate. A prime example last season was LSU's Nick Saban, who was forced to throw redshirt cornerback Travis Daniels into the fray of the SEC championship game to help an injury-ravaged and shallow secondary survive the fourth quarter against Tennessee. Daniels batted down a pass in the end zone to help save the day for LSU, which went on to a win and a Sugar Bowl title. But Daniels' redshirt year was erased for a short series of plays.

The five-year eligibility rule certainly has its critics. Many believe the rule would prolong players' road to graduation. But statistics show the majority of student-athletes take a minimum of 4 1/2 years to graduate anyway. Besides, knowing they aren't being redshirted might keep players interested in remaining academically eligible, making the prospect of graduating even more likely.

"When you are playing, your morals and attitude are good and it carries over to academics," says McCarney. "We've seen that for many years. Research has shown the education, academics and graduation rates would improve with five years of play-

ing."

Critics also believe a five-year rule would deprive some players of the chance to compete. With a roster full of experienced players, a coach might be less likely to play a youngster or might be in position to release players who aren't working out. But coaches usually want to find time on the field for as many players as possible, and players leave programs on their own for a variety of reasons each year.

There's also a concern that players with five years of eligibility would be more likely to break most current school and NCAA records. So what? The same thing happened in the early 1970s, when player eligibility was pushed from three years to four so freshmen could play.

In the end, coaches benefit just as much as players from an additional year of eligibility. Coaches constantly are getting pushed and pulled in many directions, with their scholarship limit seemingly locked at 85 and the specter of perhaps one day playing a 12-game schedule every season. It's time to give them a break. It's time to give them more time to work with their players.

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to the fans in hopes that one lucky fan would go home at the end of the season with a new car (the car by the way, was the pace car used for each race).

From being closed for a number of years to its resurrection just a few years ago the race-track has seen its share of ups and downs. It has also had numerous owners, the newest one being Mr. Willard Kinzer who has worked hard getting this facility to be one of the best around.

The track has been graced at one time or another by some of the most prominent drivers of NASCAR and even those who are trying to get their foot in the door to NASCAR as we speak. Some of them being Richard Petty, Rusty Wallace, Davey Allison, and even the late, great Dale Earnhardt. The track record was set by Alan Kulwicki twenty years ago at a fast lap of 16.000 seconds flat, only to be broken by David Reutimann, driver for the Hills Bros. All Pro. Series, twenty years later on a blistering lap of 15.830 seconds at 85.281 miles per hour. Former President of NASCAR Bill France has even been to the track in the early stages of its development.

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Golf

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day of golfing. The scramble is open to men, women and any Little Leaguer from any program, who like to play golf.

Prizes will be given away, including a \$5,000 prize for a hole-in-one, on the par 3, 185 yard hole 2. Prizes will be given out on other holes throughout the day.

In addition, first, second and third place finishers, will receive prize money as well.

Webb

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Bomber racer Josh McGuire added two wins Sunday afternoon at Willard Speedway. One night before, he drove to a Bomber win and a ninth-place Late Model finish in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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Bowl

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in 1996 by Danny "Yogi" Kinder, who is also Matewan High School football coach, and moved to Matewan from Williamson.

Scholarships will be given to the MVPs from each team. Cheerleading trophies will also

be awarded to the bowl's top cheerleader. At press time, cheerleading rosters were unavailable for both units.

Also, at halftime, an H-M Bowl queen will be crowned from the participating queens from each school.

FOOTBALL

Bengals face annual riddle: Who's the QB?

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — One of these years, the Cincinnati Bengals are going to lose their legacy as the NFL's worst team and actually make the playoffs.

Could this be the year?

They like to think so. Then again, they like to think so every year at this time, and they haven't been right since 1990.

Every July, they show up for training camp with grandiose plans and gaping holes on the roster. There are fewer holes and higher hopes as they report to Georgetown, to open camp on Thursday.

"I think our players feel we can have a winning team, and I don't feel any different," general manager Mike Brown said.

The playoffs? Maybe. First, they have to find a quarterback who can give them more than turnovers.

The annual quest that always ends with heartbreak takes on a little more significance this year. The Bengals have slowly improved the rest of the roster, but the quarterback spot remains their downfall.

Akili Smith got his chance in 2000 and finished as the NFL's lowest-ranked passer. Jon Kitna took over last season and finished as the NFL's lowest-ranked passer.

Kitna caught onto one Bengals' tradition: a penchant for playing well when it no longer matters, inspiring hopes of a turnaround.

Kitna passed for 751 yards in the last two games, a pair of wins that let the Bengals finish

6-10. The two-game total was a club record and started talk that the club had finally mastered coordinator Bob Bratkowski's new offense.

"We did it at the end of the season," Brown said. "Why can't we do it at the start of the season? If we pick up where we left off, we can — we should — be a winning team."

If Kitna doesn't pick up where he left off, he'll be a backup.

The Bengals signed free agent Gus Frerotte from Denver in the offseason and will let the two of them compete for the starting job in training camp. Smith, recovering from a severe hamstring tear, is No. 3 again.

Kitna has the edge initially because he knows the offense, but Frerotte has a stronger arm and throws fewer interceptions. At some point, Frerotte is likely to be No. 1.

"He will be behind, but that doesn't mean it will prohibit him from being the starter on opening day," Bratkowski said.

The rest of the offense is set. Michael Westbrook takes over for Darnay Scott as the lead receiver, and two inexperienced tight ends are taking over for Tony McGee — Sean Brewer, who spent his rookie season injured, and third-round pick Matt Schobel.

The approach won't change. Corey Dillon will run the ball a lot, and the quarterback will be counted on to complete just enough passes to make it work.

"It needs to be substantially better," Bratkowski said. "I

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RACING

DIRT TRACK THIS WEEKEND

What: Dirt track racing
When: Saturday night, 8 p.m.
Where: Thunder Ridge Raceway,
Prestonsburg

Drivers band together in protest

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Deborah Renshaw knew other drivers resented her. She never thought the feeling was so strong that many would dip into their own pockets to pay for the cost of filing a protest against her car.

The drivers at Nashville's Fairgrounds Speedway went even further in their action on July 13 against the only woman driving in the Late Model Series, which is sanctioned by NASCAR.

They typed their protest — such notices are usually handwritten because they are due within minutes after a race

ends — and a car was entered solely to finish at the back in order to facilitate the protest.

A minor violation was found and cost Renshaw her sixth-place finish and her points, effectively ending her quest to win the season title at a short track famous for sending such drivers as Darrell Waltrip and Sterling Marlin

onto NASCAR.

"I was just in complete and utter shock," Renshaw said. "What happened was unethical and unexpected, and in my opinion, it was just a sad day for motorsports."

The showdown had been building for months.

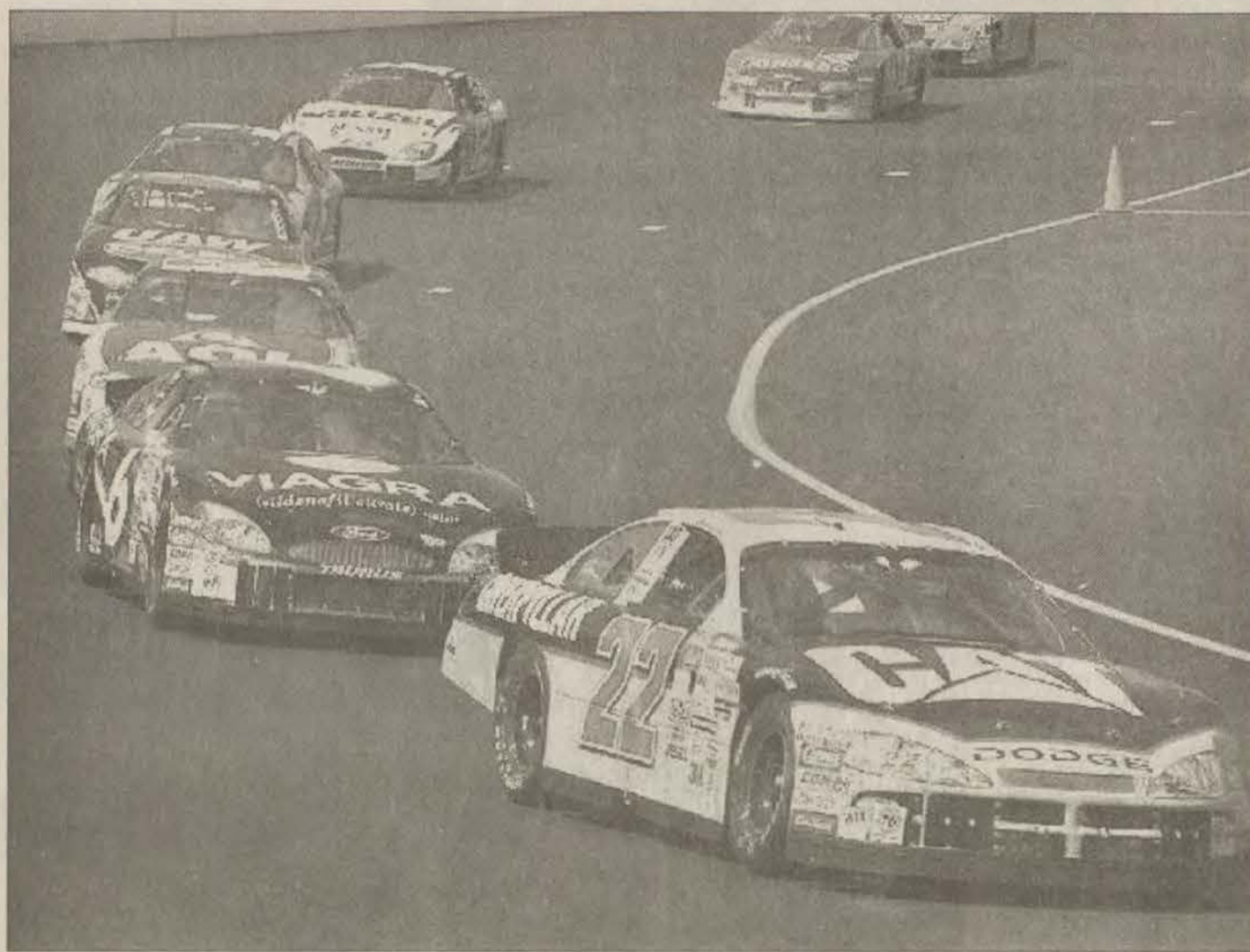
In April, Renshaw became the first

woman to lead the weekly points race in Nashville, and she wasn't shy about her desire to win the season title. She was impressive enough to land a deal with Bob Schacht Motorsports to drive in six ARCA races.

Amid all the attention, Renshaw

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NASCAR 2002



Virginia-bred driver Ward Burton (22) continues to win and do well when other NASCAR Winston Cup drivers falter.

New Hampshire win helps Burton break slump

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ward Burton will always cherish his win in the Daytona 500, the biggest victory of his career. But when everything that followed was a disaster, it's easy to forget that moment.

Week after week after his season-opening victory, Burton fell deeper and deeper into a miserable slump.

He had finishes of 21st or worse 11 times, scored just two top-10 finishes and went to New Hampshire International Speedway last weekend stuck in a rut of finishing 33rd or worse in six of seven races.

Critics just rolled their eyes at his Daytona win and blasted Burton and his Bill Davis Racing team.

When he won last weekend at New Hampshire, it shut everyone up.

"Right now, this is just what the doctor ordered. We needed it," Burton said. "We came out of the box and won the biggest race of the year. Since then, we've had some struggling times. So to win again, giving us two in one season, what more could you ask for?"

Before breaking out of his slump in New Hampshire, Burton's team was overlooked in the Winston Cup garage area.

When he signed a contract extension

with Davis earlier this month, some wondered why he wanted to stay on a losing team. Parts always broke, his No. 22 Dodge wasn't good enough to run up front on a consistent basis and Burton could never shake his bad luck.

But Burton wouldn't turn his back on Davis, and his team just kept plugging away. The effort finally showed at New Hampshire and led the car owner to defend their efforts.

"We deserve more respect than we've gotten," Davis said. "Stuff hasn't fallen off our cars. We've had some unusual failures, drive shaft and transmission-

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PROFILE

Howard, CIMCO make change on speedways

RACE INFO:

- Event: ARCA RE/MAX Series Pepsi 200;
- Time and Date: Saturday, July 27, 1:00 p.m. EDT; Site: Pocono Raceway;
- Qualifying: Thursday, July 25, 3:00 p.m. EDT; Happy Hour: Friday, July 26, 10:00 a.m. EDT.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Five top ten finishes in thirteen starts is a very commendable start for a rookie team. When you add the fact that the driver has only been racing full-bodied stock cars for three years, eyebrows start to rise and people begin paying a little more attention.

Perhaps a bit surprising for a team that has a successful short track history is the fact that each one of those top tens has come at tracks over 1-mile long. Regardless of the success they have experienced on speedways this year, ARCA RE/MAX rookie Shelby Howard and the CIMCO Racing team have "changed gears" on their speedway

package for the rest of the season, starting this week at Pocono.

The No. 64 team will be campaigning their new Dodge Intrepid for this weekend's Pepsi ARCA 200 at Pocono Raceway. They will have Ernie Elliott horsepower providing the driving force behind their effort.

Ernie Elliott, Inc. (EEI) builds engines for notable teams such as Chip Ganassi Racing (Sterling Marlin and Jimmy Spencer) in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, Terry Cook and Rick Crawford in the Craftsman Truck Series, and Braun Racing (Chad Blount) in the ARCA RE/MAX Series.

The Indianapolis-based team has raced Chevrolets since joining the series last September, except for Daytona where they had a Pontiac.

"We felt like we would be better off to make the change now rather than wait until the off-season," said team owner Shelby Howard III. "We've

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KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY

IRL drivers Ward, Buhl test Ky. Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Indy Racing League drivers Robbie Buhl and Jeff Ward visited Kentucky Speedway on July 17 for a one-day test in preparation for the August 11 "Belterra Casino Indy 300" and upcoming circuit races in Nashville and Chicago.

Ganassi reported its best lap at 221.300 mph and Buhl was unofficially timed near the same speed. Both drivers bettered Indy 500 Rookie-of-the-Year Alex Barron's previous fastest test lap of 220.408 turned at Kentucky in May. The fastest IRL pole speed on record at the track is 219.191 mph, engineered by Scott Goodyear in 2000.

Ward, who is enjoying one of his most successful seasons

to date, enters this week seventh in the series points standings after winning in Texas and posting a total of two-top

five and five top-10 finishes so far this season. He said his move to Chip Ganassi Racing is making a difference in his on-track performance.

"I'm with a No. 1 team. The resources here are pretty incredible. Even some of the guys from the CART team are here helping engineering wise," Ward said. "I've had

good cars every race. If we have any problems during the weekend we get rid of them quickly and move on.

"Basically, we're working on qualifying and race stuff. We don't have the engine that we'll be running here, this is pre-

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Willard Speedway Results

Feature (Rainout) Top 5 Only Modified

- No. Driver
4B Greg Thompson
1A Barry Turner
50 Michael Perkins
22 Bob Tackett
6 Frank Porter

Road Hog

- B4U Wesley Bailey
4 Brian Bledsoe
101 Wayne Lawson
11 Larry Dailey
504 Mitchell McDaniel

Street

- 17 Garry Raeger
31 Lee Neil

- 64 Terry Hicks
24 Eric Steagall
5D Paul Day

4-Cylinder

- 84 Keith Anderson
48 Greg Anderson
14 Paul Day Jr.
00 Frank James
38 Harold Brown

Bomber Class

- 41 Josh McGuire
54 James Dickess
9F Jeff Flaughar
21 Kenneth Howell
29 John Ramey

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Moehler gets goosebumps in Reds debut

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Brian Moehler's first game for his new team made the hair raise on his forearms.

It was that good. Moehler, acquired from Detroit in a five-player trade, started for the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday and got the win. He

gave up four runs in the first, then pitched four shutout innings in a 10-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Reds hit four homers, including Todd Walker's third-inning grand slam that led the 24,910 fans to demand a curtain call.

"That standing ovation for Walker — I've played six years (in the majors) and I've never seen

that," Moehler said. "The hair on my arms was standing up."

It was a little different than in Detroit, where the last-place Tigers decided to trade Moehler for three minor leaguers as part of their rebuilding.

The Reds think Moehler can help them get turned around in the National League Central Division, which they led for 51 days. They've been stuck in second place behind St. Louis for the last 34 days, and traded for Moehler and right-hander Ryan Dempster this month to improve the rotation.

"It's like winning the lottery, I guess you could say," Moehler said. "You go from the bottom to the top. I'm glad to be here. It's a different atmosphere."

He was told of the trade Tuesday afternoon in Detroit. He and his wife, Deana, and their two young daughters headed down Interstate 75, a road they've traveled often on their way home to Marietta, Ga.

He and his wife talked about the move as Jackson Rae, 2, and Canton Reece, 1, watched tapes of children's shows. They left Detroit at 6:15 p.m., got caught in traffic just south of Toledo and arrived at 11:45 p.m.

"We drove around the hotel a couple of times before we finally found it," he said. "My wife and I were excited about the trade. The last couple of years have been rough for us up there. We're happy to be here."

When he got to Cinergy Field on Wednesday, he put a small angel on the shelf above his locker. He's had the angel with him since Father's Day.

"It was a gift from my kids," Moehler said of the winged female figure in a baseball cap. "My wife said, 'She'll watch over you in your comeback.'"

Moehler, who has come back from major shoulder surgery last year, wasn't nervous when he went out to warm up. When he got to the mound, he said a prayer and scratched "FM" in the dirt with his finger — remembering his father, Fred, who died a few years ago.

Then he started learning about the National League.

"It looks like I'm going to get to throw a lot more fastballs than I did in the American League," he said. "I'm going to have to get used to that."

Manager Bob Boone removed him for a pinch-hitter in the fifth after he had thrown 95 pitches. Boone will limit his pitches to about 90 per game as he recovers from the shoulder problem.

"He'll probably be right in that area all year," Boone said. "If he gets out of that first inning, he might have been able to go a couple more innings."

After Danny Graves struck out Adam Hyzdu to end the game, he gave the ball to Moehler, who kept it in his locker near the angel. Then he started taking it all in.

"I wasn't nervous," Moehler said. "It seemed like everything happened so quick."

CASEY RELIEVED:

The Reds opened a roster spot for Moehler by putting first baseman Sean Casey on the 15-day disabled list.

Another round of medical tests Tuesday evening detected a torn muscle in the back of his left shoulder. He has felt pain in the area since April and was given a cortisone shot last month, but the pain has returned.

Previous tests had found nothing wrong. Casey was relieved to learn there was a reason for the sharp pain.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Bomber racer Josh McGuire added two wins Sunday afternoon at Willard Speedway. One night before, he drove to a Bomber win and a ninth-place Late Model finish in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Bengals

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think it can be good enough to win 10 or 11 games and get us into the playoffs."

The kickers also will get a lot of attention at Georgetown. Fourth-round pick Travis Dorsch will get a chance to take the job from embattled Neil Rackers, who is only 29-of-49 on field goals in his two seasons.

The defense returns essentially intact. Jeff Burris was signed to shore up a thin cornerback crew, the main weakness in a defense that finished ninth in the NFL last season.

"We're anxious to move into the top five in the league," coordinator Mark Duffner said.

First, they've got to get a passer who won't finish last.

Willard

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Feature 2 (Regular show on the July 21)

Top 5 Only

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14 Paul Day Jr.

Ward

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wise. We've had some real good race cars. We've had some races we should have won.

"We've got a real good race team that's had a really bad year."

Still, it's hard to argue that luck hasn't played a part of Burton's two wins.

No one forgets how he won the Daytona 500, inheriting the lead when Sterling Marlin got of his car to try to pull his crumpled fender away from his tire during a red-flag. Prohibited from working on his car during a stoppage, Marlin was forced to back of the pack on the restart. Burton took over the lead and held on in the final few laps for the victory.

At New Hampshire, Matt

Kenseth dominated the race and was running away from the field when he blew a tire and Burton coasted by him for the win.

But Burton won't remember the circumstances when he looks back on his two wins of the season.

"Sometimes winning is just a matter of being in the right place at the right time," he said. "It's not always about the best car, it's about having a good car that can be up front and capitalize when the big breaks come."

Now that the black cloud has lifted, Burton is looking to the future.

He's with Davis through 2004, extending a partnership that began in 1995 with aspirations for a Winston Cup title.

He's not close now, but from where he and Davis have come, they don't really think they're that far off.

"Ward's managed to grow the same as the program has; we've grown together," Davis said. "He came to our place when we had probably 10,000 square feet and 14 or 16 employees. Now it's 60,000 square feet and 125 employees. We've grown together."

"It's been a great fit for both of us."

So Burton wouldn't think of driving for anyone else despite the ups and downs of his tenure with Davis. After all, when he looks back at the end of the season, he'll still have at least two wins to overshadow everything else.

"I'm not a quitter," he said. "It just seems like in some areas in my life, this being one of them, that I have to fight for every little piece of real estate or everything good that happens to us. At the same time, I know that we can get this thing turned around."

Olympics

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Bowling will start in early September and continue through the middle of November. Then, the Area 3 Tournament will be conducted

(site to be determined). Those qualifying from the Area Games will then go on to bowl in the State Tournament the first weekend of December.

IRL

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Indy stuff which is down quite a bit of horsepower. We'll have a couple miles an hour left when we come back. The car is comfortable, so we're just working on getting a good balance and all the numbers they want to read with shock settings and everything. When we come back we won't waste a (practice) session being too low or too high," the pilot of the No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi G-Force Chevrolet added.

Buhl, who missed the two races prior to the Indy 500 this season as a result of an injury, said his Dreyer & Reinbold Racing team is looking to gaining the rhythm that generated three top-five finishes in 2001 and ways to improve on its current season's best 12th place finish. Buhl drove his No. 24

Purex/Aventis G-Force/Infiniti to a ninth-place finish in the "Belterra Casino Indy 300" last August after the car ran out of fuel during the final laps as it held the race lead.

"Since Indy, we've really struggled with being around at the end of the races, so we're trying to get our rhythm back," Buhl said. "The Infiniti guys have been giving us good power, but we haven't been around at the end, so we have to eliminate that as a variable. It's a matter of getting out here and doing miles, trying stuff, and getting our momentum back. That's just what we're doing."

He also was taking notes on the new surface at Kentucky Speedway, which he predicted will make for interesting racing during the Belterra Casino Indy

300 in August.

"To be honest with you, I didn't have a big issue with the surface last year. I think it's good improvement," Buhl said. "The one thing that's hard to judge right now is there's a lot of grip out there. Surface temperatures will be hotter when we race here because it's a little overcast today. Once we get rubber down, it'll be interesting to see what it does to the surface and whether we'll be able to run high or low."

The IRL returns to Kentucky Speedway this season for the facility's fourth and final race weekend on Saturday, August 10, and Sunday, August 11. Saturday's action features Indy Racing League MBNA Pole Qualifying and the NASCAR Hills Bros. All Pro Series "84 WHAS 150" race on 84 WHAS 150 & Pole Day.

Sunday's docket will feature the Indy Racing League "Belterra Casino Indy 300" at 1:30 p.m. and the Kentucky Speedway debut of the Indy Racing Infiniti Pro Series at 11:00 a.m. The first 15,000 fans to enter will receive a Sam Hornish, Jr., Al Unser, Jr., or Buddy Lazier bobblehead. Fans also can register to win the Official Kentucky Speedway Belterra Casino Indy 300 Pace Car, a 2002 Ford Mustang GT, courtesy of event title sponsor Belterra Casino Resort. Speedway gates will open at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Protest

started hearing talk that other drivers wanted to check her car.

"I kept a lot of that under my hat," Renshaw said. "I didn't want to turn it into an issue. I didn't want to let people know some of the guys think, 'Oh, she can't drive a race car. Her car's so illegal.'"

In May, she and Mark Day, a veteran driver who builds racing chassis in nearby Clarksville, crashed while she was trying to pass him during a Nashville race.

They traded accusations, with Renshaw saying Day was busier looking at her rather than the drivers in front of him, and Day describing Renshaw as "so star-struck" by her recent success that she couldn't focus on racing.

A few weeks later, Renshaw finished eighth in her ARCA debut at Kentucky Speedway. She then qualified second in Nashville the next night, where she noticed Day meeting with a group of drivers.

Her teammate, Chevy White, was asked to contribute to the protest fund. He declined, but almost all the other drivers still raised \$3,600 to protest both cars.

Scottie Smithers, who had to be certified to drive his first race in the series, drove Day's second car. He pulled off the track after six laps to use a rule allowing him to protest because he finished behind Renshaw.

Track president Dennis Grau called NASCAR and got permission to throw out the protest. Renshaw and her father, who owns her car, insisted on the inspection to "clear the air," confident the car would pass.

Inspectors dismantled the engine, and four hours after the 75-lap race ended, they removed a cylinder head and poured in water to see if the head was altered. It came up 1 cubic centimeter short of filling the space — not enough difference to strengthen her V-8 engine by more than a couple horsepower but technically illegal.

Protests aren't unusual, and dri-

vers often have pooled money in an expensive sport. Marlin said he has had three or four drivers split the fee to protest him while he was winning in Nashville.

"I guess the guys were mad because she was hauling down the straightaway, I heard, and she'd been getting a little bit of publicity here and there and they didn't like it," Marlin said.

Bob Latford, a retired NASCAR historian, said protests have eased recently with the rising costs, and he couldn't recall one in which a large group of drivers pooled their resources.

Jealousy usually is the root of such protests, according to four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon.

"Go ask my dad about it. We were protested all the time. I remember being 7 years old and being protested in a race where we weren't even running for money," he said.

NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter termed the Renshaw protest unfortunate.

"Our president, Mike Helton, spoke with her. We talked to the track officials. We're making any resource that we have available to make sure that this kind of thing, that it stops here, that this is the end of it. We want her treated like any other competitor," Hunter said.

Day is unapologetic, saying he went by the rulebook.

"She got caught cheating," said Day, who worked on Renshaw's cars before she started racing in Nashville. "It's embarrassing. I've been caught and came back. Joe Buford's been caught and came back. It's no big deal."

Not to the 24-year-old Renshaw, who worries she'll be labeled a cheater.

"I can handle two or three of the guys showing their emotions toward me, how they feel. When 12 or 13 gang up and pool money, get a ringer car and everybody knows the plan is for me, that's

Howard

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performed fairly well on the big tracks, but we know we are better than what we've shown. Dodge has proven they bring an excellent racecar to the track, plus making the jump now gives us a head start on next season, so that's why we decided to make the change."

Shelby Howard, the 16-year-old driver, is excited and can't wait to shake the car down to see exactly what kind of difference having the Dodge will make. "From what we've already learned about the car, we know we can be in the top five this weekend," Howard said. "Of course, we have to have a little racing luck, but we feel that taking this combination (Dodge and EEI Engines) to the track will help us get the results we need."

For the time being, Howard and the team plans to stick with Chevrolets on the short tracks and will use engines built in-house.

They have only had the Dodge for a week, so they haven't had time to paint the car to match their new purple and neon yellow scheme. As a result, there will be at least two red Dodges on the track (Chad Blount and Shelby) and possibly a third since Winston Cup regular Casey Atwood will be driving an ARCA car for 3-time Winston Cup championship crew chief and car owner Ray Evernham, who fields two red Dodges in that series. "When the race is over, I want to be the (red) one that's in the front," laughed Howard.

Howard is also excited about returning to Pocono, where he finished 19th in his first race there earlier this season. "I like the track a lot. I like the challenge of it; having to shift gears made it fun," Howard said. "I've been looking forward to coming back here ever since we were here in June."

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about my last straw," she said. Renshaw initially said she wouldn't return to Nashville but agreed Monday to run a few races after Grau reassured her that she will be safe from harassment. He also changed rules about who can protest and who pays the fee to prevent similar actions.

The protest brought support for Renshaw and even a call for women to boycott future Late Model races.

"They're picking on her, and it made me mad," said Sheri Reynolds, a 52-year-old mother of two in Nashville. "They just can't take it. They just can't stand it to be competing with someone that's a girl."

Women make up nearly half of NASCAR's fan base. Since it was founded in 1949, only 15 women have competed in the Winston Cup series, a number that includes three who raced at Daytona's beach course in 1949.

Across the country, there are 28 competing in the classes that make up NASCAR's weekly racing series, a figure the series is trying to boost through a program for minority drivers.

Renshaw plans to concentrate on her remaining ARCA races, and the next one is Saturday at Pocono.

"You just can't focus on the negative," Renshaw said. "That's what I'm afraid I would do if I stayed."

StoneCrest

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golfer in the area. The final round to be played on Sunday expects to see the pros tee off at around 1:30 p.m. to decide the championship of the tournament. StoneCrest pro Larry Ward and assistant pro Jason Crum have done an excellent job in preparing the course for an event of this magnitude and the maintenance department has the course in wonderful shape as well. The maintenance department is headed up by Brian Balch. Members of his crew include Danny Tackett, Hubert Goble, Amanda Boyd, Chuck Rowe, Joe Louis, Justin Prater, Jerry Bailey, Shelby Conway, Anthony Wright and Glen Holbrook, all of whom have contributed greatly in preparing the course for this tournament.

StoneCrest invites all area golf enthusiasts to come out early on Saturday and enjoy the chance to see some great golf in their backyard.

Allen

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August 29 when a showdown is scheduled with Adams Middle School as the Eagles play host in an A-B-C trio of games.

September 5 has South Floyd playing host to Allen. One week later, September 12, the Eagles are slated to take on John M. Stumbo. A September 19 date pits Allen against Allen Central in a home game. The 2002 Floyd County Postseason Grid will be played at Prestonsburg High School on Saturday, Sept. 21. The Eagles have a date for that event as well. Allen's oppo-

nent will depend on how the Floyd County season goes.

Following a short layoff, Allen plays games versus Johnson County Middle School's seventh- and eighth-grade squads and Paintsville (Oct. 2, JCMS 8th; Oct. 10, Paintsville; Oct. 17, JCMS 7th) before taking part in the Sandy Valley Postseason Grid on October 19. For a second straight year, Prestonsburg High will play host in the month of October to the youth football feast.

Hall

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At the halfway point in the series, defending series champion Carr is on track to win his fourth AMA Grand National Championship. The 35-year-old veteran from Fleetwood, Pa., comes to Charlotte leading the championship and is hot off a win last weekend in Prestonsburg.

The half-mile at Lowe's Motor Speedway is fairly new

to the AMA U.S. Flat track Championship. Virginian Mike Hacker won the race in 2000 and the late racing great Will Davis won the event last year. Davis will indeed be missed at his home state track he died tragically in a racing accident last August in Sedalia, Mo., less than a month after winning in front of friends and family at Charlotte.



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**StoneCrest Pepsi Invitational Pro-Am
Golf Tournament set for this weekend**

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The area's newest gem on the golf circuit is ready to host the first annual StoneCrest Pepsi Invitational Pro-Am golf tournament over the upcoming weekend at the Prestonsburg course. Professional golfers from seven states as well as amateurs from four different states will converge on Prestonsburg starting today for their practice rounds.

Head golf pro Larry Ward stated, "it is easy to see why we have gotten such a tremendous response for this inaugural event, the prize money that our great sponsors such as Pepsi, Reno's Roadhouse, Highlands Regional Medical Center, the City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Tourism,

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Big Sandy RECC, and Wayne Supply have made possible is great and that has attracted some of the best professional golfers in the world."

Ward was speaking about the \$20,000 purse on the line in the tournament this weekend.

"The tournament would not have been possible without the help of our great corporate sponsors as well as those businesses that have committed to sponsor a hole during the event," Ward continued.

The pro-am will give a tremendous boost to the area economy as large groups of family and friends will be spending

three to four days in our area during the duration of the event. Some

great golfing talent from throughout the nation

is expected such as Jack O'Keefe

who is currently ranked No. 22 in the world on the

mini-tour by Golf Week and Shane Supple who is ranked 34 on that

same list. A former Kentucky Open champ in Chris Osborne as well as Patrick Damron who is the brother of PGA tour golfer Robert Damron are both in the strong field of professionals headed to Prestonsburg this weekend. Others who are expected to compete for the title are

Jeremy Langley (former UK golf star), Jimmy McKenzie (won the state amateur title 2 years before turning pro), and Don Pollard who has won the Paintsville Invitational Tournament several times in his pro career. A strong field of

amateur golfers is also expected for the tournament as names such as Bruce Walters, Johnny Ray Turner, Nathan Haney and Prestonsburg's Ryan Martin will compete on the amateur side of this tournament. Talking with head pro Larry Ward it seems as if the field of amateur players is as good as he has ever seen. The tournament is scheduled to begin on Saturday morning and run through Sunday evening. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the tournament.

The admission fee for the event is \$5 per person and the proceeds from the gate admission will be used to promote junior golf in our area. An annual scholarship is being developed through this and will be given each year to a young

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PEPSI

Notes from a bookworm

What a pleasant change of venue. For once, my week is flowing along quite well. As I pen this column I am pleased to take note of the fact that I am actually (surprise!) ahead of deadline. This, in spite of the fact that this was a "board" (Floyd County Board of Education) meeting week. In most cases, board meeting weeks leave me about a day and a half behind in desk work and a week behind in sleep. This is due partly to the fact that the majority of the meetings occur on Monday evenings. (Monday's folks! Not my best day.)

For one, most people probably don't realize that the section of the paper that is "mine," "Lifestyles," has a Monday noon deadline. It prints out a day ahead of Tuesday evening's news. So, I'm quite busy most Mondays trying to fill folders, double-check columnist's submissions and proof-reading pages. Ditto on Wednesdays. On good days, the work is done fairly early in the afternoon, on bad days, it drags on into supertime. Which means that I

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

If there is an original line in this column, this is it. All the rest has been supplied me by friends who surely have decided I needed some help.

This was purloined for me by Johnny Burke:

Tolerance is the ability to keep your shirt on when you're hot under the collar.

AMEN!

And I am indebted, first to Homer Wright, and, lastly, to Mrs. Walter Hall for the following prayer which, when I first saw it not long ago, caused me to say, "Wish I had said that":

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from

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MIDSUMMERS DREAM



The botanical garden, located in Madrids Retro Park, is kept locked during nights and weekends

photo by Lena Basha

POSTSCRIPT Let's just stay home, part 5

Today, we arbitrarily end our exploration of places to visit and to become acquainted with in our own region.

We could keep on for a couple of months if we extended the search to a three- or four-hour drive, still a one-day trip, or overnight even. For instance,

southwest and west of here are the Cumberland Gap National Park, with the historic Hensley Settlement, Pine Mountain Settlement School, Cumberland Falls, Buckhorn State Park, Natural Bridge State Park,

Kentucky Snake Museum, Red River Gorge and much, much more.

But, today, let's look right here in Floyd County, around the curve, over the hills, things we tend to take for granted.

At the top of my list is Jenny Wiley Theatre, not only because it is a true treasure, but also because the season will soon be over. Whether you're a diehard musical theater fan or not, you'll find something to like at JWT this year - and any year for that matter.

Guys and Dolls is the obvious choice this year for people who love show tunes, dancing and suspension of reality. It's a classic, representing the best of the Broadway stage. Permit me an editorial comment: To my mind, it is the best production I've ever seen at JWT, and I've seen many, many extraordinary productions.

Greater Tuna is perfect dinner theater, light but also filling - very funny. Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat retells the biblical story and is a showcase for the young people. The Legend of Jenny Wiley is, without doubt, one of the best historical dramas around.

If you live in Floyd County, you ought to be ashamed if you don't attend every show. Few people across the world have this quality of theater right in their own back yard.

But, I'll dispense with the sermon for now and continue the journey.

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"Smile, Muffin!"

We all love our pets and we love showing off the cute photos we take of them. If you would like to see your pet's photo displayed alongside Dr. Carol Combs-Morris' "Critter Corner" column, send it in to Kathy Prater at any of the following addresses: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or email to features@floydcountytimes.com. You're also welcome to drop it off anytime at our front desk. Don't delay, we're eager to share your pet's photos with our readers!

SPAIN what an experience

by LENA BASHA
STAFF WRITER

There are several ways of telling time in a city like Madrid, Spain without even looking at a clock. Around 10 a.m., the local working population crowds into the subway, barely leaving enough room to breathe. During the mid-afternoon many establishments close and the streets are empty while locals take that much-deserved siesta. After work and school finish around 8 p.m., small tapas bars are overwhelmed with locals and tourists alike fighting for bar-side seating to enjoy an ice-cold beer.

While I could not leave my watch and alarm clock at home, I was able to experience this incredibly laid-back madness when I spent one month studying Spanish at an international language school in the heart of Madrid, the capital of Spain and central-most city of the Iberian Peninsula.

MADRID

This city is not just home to four million people. It also houses centuries-old architecture, one of the world's most impressive collections of Spanish art, top-notch nightlife and plenty of quiet nooks to escape the sights, smells and sounds of

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Traditional Flamenco dance originated in Sevilla, Andalucia.

photo by Lena Basha



photo by Lena Basha

The Simpsons make an appearance on Barcelona's infamous pedestrian street, Las Ramblas.

Don't think thin, think realistic

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, Ph.D.
FEATURED COLUMNIST

How many people do you think live in our area and consider themselves overweight? Just how many of us seem to keep endlessly thinking, talking, and obsessing about our weight? It felt like a little pressure was taken off when a recent article (Monitor on Psychology, July/August, 2002) summarized new findings about weight loss and the significant impact of losing a few pounds upon reducing health risks.

There are many of us across

"Losing weight isn't a dichotomy where either you lose weight and you are successful, or you don't and you're a failure." Other researchers (The New England Journal of Medicine, 2002) concluded that obese students who lost just 7 percent of their body weight decreased their chances of developing Type-II diabetes by 58 percent.

the nation who are overweight and have health risks. This is one time that misery does not benefit from company. As most of us are aware, carrying too many pounds about all of the time increases our chances of diabetes, stroke, joint disease, cardiovascular disease, sleep apnea, and cancer. In addition,

fat on the upper body also puts us at a higher risk.

Suppose making money and losing weight tend to be similar in the long run; many folks want to do both, few are successful at the tasks, especially for the long term. Research psychologist found that losing as little as five percent of your body weight can

reduce your risk of disease, even if you remain overweight. A professor of psychology at Yale University reported, "Losing weight isn't a dichotomy where either you lose weight and you are successful, or you don't and you're a failure." Other researchers (The New England Journal of Medicine, 2002) con-

cluded that obese students who lost just 7 percent of their body weight decreased their chances of developing Type-II diabetes by 58 percent. From one study, the results were considered to reflect that losses of 5 to 10 percent of body weight reduced the risk of high blood pressure. It has also been shown that quality-of-life issues are decreased with small weight losses. For example, after losing a small amount of weight, a person can go up the steps with less shortness of breath or actively play with their kids or grandchildren.

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

World

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the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

NO FOOD STAMPS YET!

And the following was turned in by Gordon Moore:

A young man lived with his parents in a public housing development, attended public school, and participated in the "free lunch" program. He entered military service and, upon discharge, retained his National Service Life Insurance.

He attended the State University and worked part-time at the State Capitol to supplement funds provided by his GI education check. Upon graduation, he married a public health nurse, bought a home with an FHA loan, and obtained a RFC loan to go into business.

Their baby was born in the City hospital. Wanting some farm land and a home for his parents, he bought a small ranch with the aid of the veteran's land program. For his livestock he obtained emergency feed from the government.

Later he put part of his land in the soil bank and the payments he received soon paid for the ranch. His father and mother lived comfortably on the ranch with the help of their Social Security and old age assistance checks.

REA lines supplied electricity; the government helped him clear his land; the county agent showed him how to terrace it and the government built a fish pond."

He reads books from the public library, and his banked money was insured by an agency of the government. His child grew up, entered public school, ate "free lunches," rode in a school bus, played in the municipal park, and swam in a public pool.

The man owned an automobile, so he favored the federal highway program. He signed a petition seeking federal assistance in developing an industrial project to "help the economy" of his area, was the leader in a move to get a new federal building, and went to Washington with a group who asked the government to build a great power dam costing millions, so the area could get cheaper electricity.

Then, one day, after hearing that the per capita income tax bill in 1959 averaged \$251.49 for every man, woman and child in the nation (over 177 million persons), he wrote his congressman:

"I wish to protest these excessive government expenditures and attendant high taxes. I believe in rugged individualism. I think people should stand on their own two feet without expecting handouts from the government and, in turn, as a taxpayer, I am opposed to all socialistic trends, and I demand a return to the principles of our constitution."

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Most overweight individuals have typically lost and gained back weight over the years in a see-saw fashion. "Self-monitoring" is the best way to lose those pounds and maintain your weight, according to the experts, "the weeks that you self-monitor are the weeks you are most likely to lose weight." As we have all heard in the past, we need to begin with looking at our physical activity. Needless to say, so many of us busy folks know, but don't want to accept and follow through, that "exercise is the single best predictor of long-term weight control." Those of us who sit so much at work, in the car, in front of the TV, etc., just don't want to look at how sedentary our habits and choices are. "That's a lifestyle that creates problems."

The biggest factor for exercise is finding a routine that we can live with and enjoy. I'm one of those people who do best with a specific regimen so that it is known ahead of time where the exercise period will fit in best into the day and so not add even more stress. Others might need variety with different activities at different times of day. Some folks do best with a partner and have a social event. Having someone to talk to does seem to keep your mind off what you're doing and the time passes faster. Since I have a difficult time doing a "whole session" of exercising, it was comforting to learn that you don't need aerobic classes every day of the week. The latest is that small changes over time make a difference, taking 10-minute walks instead of coffee breaks or standing up to talk on the phone. Try to add little chunks of physical activity throughout the day. Big statement of the day: "You need to get more than you do now and the more you get, the better off

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Happy Birthday



Twins celebrate first birthday

Kacie Danielle and Nicole Leigh Ann Tackett celebrated their first birthdays on July 3, 2002, with a "Winnie the Pooh" theme party. The beautiful babies are the twin daughters of Terry and Greta Tackett, of Drift. They have one older brother, Dustin.

Engagements



Webb-Sammons to wed

Timothy L. Sammons and Elizabeth E. Webb joyfully announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Sunday, July 28, 2002, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock, at Pikeville City Park. The groom-to-be is the son of Arliss and Priscilla Sammons, of Prestonsburg. He is employed by Southeast Telephone of Pikeville. His bride-elect is the daughter of Charles Webb, of Dunham, Ky., and Debbie Peterla, of Madison, Ohio. Following the marriage ceremony, a reception will be held in Pikeville's Landmark Hotel. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.

Bentley-Burke to wed

Mrs. Violet Bentley, of McDowell, is pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Amanda, to Gordon Brent Burke, the son of Mr. Gordon Burke, of Wheelwright. Amanda is the daughter of the late Curtis Bentley. Brent is the son of the late Beverly Childers Burke. The couple will exchange vows in a wedding ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2002, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock, at the Little Nancy Church, Hi Hat. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Phillips-Dale to wed



Rita Gay Stratton and Alan Ross Phillips, of Pikeville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kari Elaine Phillips, to Estill Heath Dale, the son of Pauletta Blackburn Dale Scaff, of Drift, and the late Estill Lee Dale, and the stepson of Terry Donald Scaff. Kari is a 1998 graduate of

Pike County Central High School and a graduate of the Regency School of Hair Design of Prestonsburg. She is employed by Shear Power of Betsy Layne. Heath attended Betsy Layne High School and is employed by Taylor Metal Roofing and Siding, Allen. Kari is the maternal granddaughter of John George Stratton, of Pikeville, and the late Virginia Elouise Sandefur Stratton, and the step-granddaughter of the late Pansy Christine Billiter Stratton. Her paternal grandparents are Kermit and Maxine Gannon Phillips, of Kimper. Heath is the grandson of the late Hargus and Juanita Clevinger Blackburn and the late Lewis and Lulabelle Osborne Dale and the step-grandson of the late Nellie Endicott Dale. The couple will marry in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2002, at half past the afternoon hour of five o'clock, at the Burning Springs Old Regular Baptist Church, Zebulon. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the wedding ceremony. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. Following a brief honeymoon stay in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, the couple plan to reside in Pikeville.

Spain

the big-city scene. While there is a wealth of museums in the city, the two that are most worth the time and money are the Prado, housing all things before the 19th century, and the Reina Sofia, holding all things after. I was lucky enough to have taken a Spanish art class in Madrid, so I was inevitably forced to grasp an appreciation of artists such as Diego Velázquez, El Greco and Francisco de Goya, who are featured in the Prado, and to a lesser extent, Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dalí, whose works can be seen at the Reina Sofia, a museum that shares its name with the current queen of Spain. It seems that everything in this city has a touch of history in it. Every building, right down to the Atocha train station, represents some period in Spanish art. Walking down the city center's main street, Gran Vía, one can pass through an entire century of architecture. Buildings range from excessively ornate to avant-garde to art deco, all within a half-mile stretch. Madrid, however, is much more than just a pretty building or a painted canvas. The city

has much more to offer with opera performances at the Teatro Real, world-renowned bullfights at the Plaza de los Toros, seven-floor discobars that open at 2 a.m. and close at 9 a.m. and even vanilla lattes at one of Madrid's two Starbucks Coffee shops. **EXPLORING THE PENINSULA** There were times, however, when I just had to get away from the city. So I traveled. In one aspect, Spain is a lot like the United States in that both countries (aside from the obvious size difference) enjoy a diverse mix of geography and culture. Spain has 17 provinces (similar to states in our country), each having its own provincial government, distinct culture and in some cases, even language. Andalucía, which encompasses the southern portion of the country, is stereotypically much like the South of the United States. Generally, people talk much more slowly with an accent that is considered to be of a less

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

August 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - "Back to School Health Fair" - Allen Elementary. School physicals, immunizations, and other services will be available free of charge. Contact the Center for more information. Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Center is open during the summer each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center will be open during summer months.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment. G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center. After School child care hours are 3 - 5:30 p.m., school days. FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term. MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment. The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Floyd County Health Department is on site each TUESDAY of the week. The following services are provided: immunizations, TB skin test, school physicals for Head Start, Kindergarten, Well-Child, and Sixth Grade. WIC services also provided. If you are in need of any of the above services, please call 358-9878 to schedule an appointment.

MAY VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Parents with children to be enrolled in Head Start, Kindergarten, or sixth grade during the upcoming school year need to schedule physical examinations and vaccination update appointments now. If you have not scheduled your child's health care appointment, please call 377-2678 and do so

now. GED classes are taught each Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Classes are FREE. Mrs. Linda Bailey, of the David School, is the instructor.

MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER / JOHN M. STUMBO ELEM.

The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information. Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days. Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

SBDM Council will meet on Thursday, August 1, at 6 p.m., in the school library.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Walking track open to public. The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001: Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8 - 11 a.m. Call 377-2678. Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5 - 8 p.m. Call 886-9860. Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6 p.m. Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1 - 4 p.m. Call 886-0709. Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046. Friday - The David School, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

July 27 - CPR class. July 27 - "Back to School" clothing distribution. Call 889-9286 and ask for Tom Nelson for more information. July 29-Aug. 2 - DAY CAMP at Weeksbury Community Center. Hosted by Camp Shawnee. For more info., call 874-2091. Aug. 5 - "Back to School Health Fair," to be held at Allen Elementary. South Floyd High School and its feeder schools are scheduled to receive services between the hours of 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. Aug. 5 - Clothing Give-Away to be held at Maytown Methodist Church, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all. Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify. "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. "Clothing Closet" available to all students. Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.



Family Medicine

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To "bee sting kit" or not to "bee sting kit," that's the question

Question: My 14-year-old daughter had quite a reaction to a bee sting last summer. The sting spot got as big as a baseball and was quite uncomfortable. It took about a week for it to go down. Should I get a bee sting kit in case she gets stung again this summer?

Answer: It is hard to get an estimate of how often people are stung by bees because most episodes don't get recorded. When I ask my patients about this, however, almost everyone has been stung at least once in the past. Bees aren't very big, but they certainly are not defenseless!

About 20 percent of the population

has antibodies against bee venom. This means that a previous bee sting has triggered antibody production and that the person's immune systems is prepared to put up a furious fight if they are stung by a bee again. For about one percent of the population the reaction is so intense that a bee sting can cause a serious — sometimes fatal — allergic reaction called anaphylactic shock. In these people, a sting may result in major swelling, difficulty in breathing, and even life-threatening shock. In fact, about 50 people die each year in the U.S. from bee stings.

Fortunately, however, bee stings do not present a major medical problem

for most people. Instead, a sting produces a small amount of redness and swelling at the sting site with some associated itching or discomfort. Usually, these annoying but mild reactions clear up by themselves in a matter of hours or perhaps as long as a day.

Some individuals, like your daughter, have a more dramatic local reaction to the sting. "Local" in this context means that the reaction was at the sting site and did not involve breathing or circulatory problems. This type of response is midway between those of us who only have the annoyance of a sting and those who have shock as a consequence of exposure to bee venom.

Individuals who have a large local reaction are likely to have a similar response to subsequent bee stings. About 5 percent, however, will develop anaphylactic shock with subsequent stings. This is important since a bee

sting kit is only helpful for those who experience the most severe reactions — shock.

A bee sting reaction with shock is potentially life threatening. Consequently, a prompt trip to the emergency room is called for. The immediate administration of the drug epinephrine can be life saving in bee sting shock. Epinephrine must be administered by shot, so a simple device

has been developed that makes it easy for anyone to give himself or herself this drug. This user-friendly medical device is called an EpiPen, and it is available by prescription.

My recommendation for your daughter is to avoid getting bee stung again. In this case "bee" means yellow jackets — the most common culprit in "bee" stings — wasps, hornets, honeybees and fire ants. Always wear shoes when going outside, avoid wearing

shiny clothing or jewelry, and picnic where the bees aren't. The most important preventive measure, however, is to avoid swatting at these annoying critters. Even if one lands on you, you can usually avoid a sting by simply holding still until it flies away. Trust me on this — it is nerve-racking, but it works.

The chance of your daughter having an anaphylactic reaction to a bee sting is small, so an EpiPen or other bee sting kit is not likely to be needed. Despite the low probability of needing one of these kits, it could be a form of good insurance. Talk to her doctor about it.

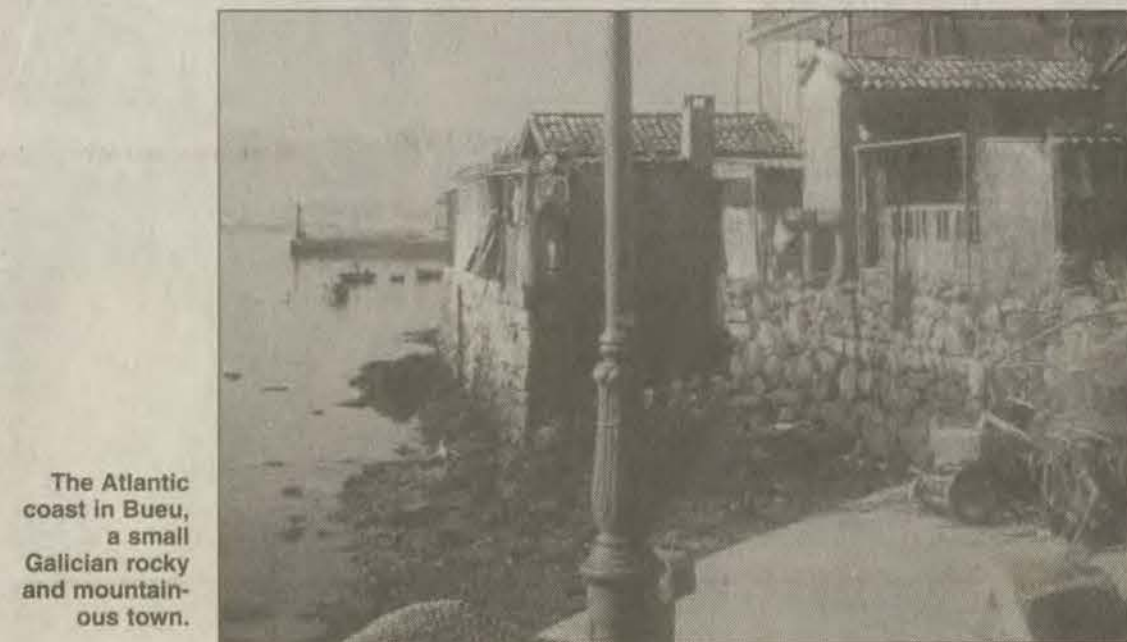
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In Miguel Cervantes' "Don Quijote de la Mancha," don Quijote fought these windmills, thinking that they were giants trying to kill him.



This monument of Alfonso XII looks over a lake in the Retiro park in Madrid



The Atlantic coast in Bueu, a small Galician rocky and mountainous town.

Spain

educated, hillbilly sort. Hillbilly or not, this area offers some of the most splendid architecture in the country, due to the heavy Arab influence that was present for so long.

Among the barren mountains in Granada is the 14th century Alhambra with its Alcázar and Generalife palaces.

Farther south in Sevilla, Spain's third largest city, is a cathedral that was built around and on top of a mosque, a trade that was rather popular when the Moors occupied portions of Spain until the 15th century.

An 80-foot tower and orange-tree-laden patio are the only physical proof that a 12th century mosque once stood in place of this gothic-style 15th century cathedral.

Northwestern Spain, the province of Galicia, is most famous for the town of Santiago de Compostela, which gets its name from the apostle James, whose tomb lies beneath the town's cathedral. The famous Camino de Santiago, which stretches from the Pyrenees Mountains near Spain's border with France to the town of Santiago, was and still is traveled by religious pilgrims with walking sticks in hand and conch shells (the apostle's symbol) around their necks, who, in the end, reach the impressive intricate Baroque facade of the town's lavish cathedral.

While the official language of Spain is Castilian Spanish, the regional language, Gallego, a mix of Portuguese and Spanish, is spoken as well.

Among all cities in Spain, however, none can compare to Barcelona, located on the Mediterranean coast and host to the 1992 Summer Olympic Games. Barcelona is the modern art capital of the world with its 20th and 21st century architecture by, among others, Antoni Gaudí. While Gaudí spread his work all over the city, one of his most famous pieces is the unfinished Sagrada Família cathedral. Started in 1883 by Gaudí, the Sagrada Família remains unfinished today, well after his death in 1926.

Tourists can climb one of the cathedral's towers some 300 stairs for an aerial view of the city. I ascended this same steep spiral staircase twice and both times I found that going down was much more emotionally and physically straining than going up. Once you do make it to the top though, it is well worth the visit, as you can peer down into the empty skeletal nave and imagine what Gaudí had in mind.

One thing that I have grown to both love and hate about Barcelona, and its province Catalonia, is its pride. After the Spanish Franco era ended in 1975, there was a resurgence of independence within the different provinces of Spain. As a result, never has the regional non-national of Catalan been more popular. While most Catalonia residents speak both Catalan and Spanish, in some small villages of the province, many people only know Catalan, a guttural mix of Spanish and French. While I definitely found it commendable that these people have such pride in their region, it was also a tad sickening when all signs, advertisements and anything else government-run were in nothing but Catalan, yet not at all did I hear the language spoken on the streets.

I studied Catalan for one semester and, while I cannot form complete sentences by any stretch of the imagination, I can read the language and say menial things such as "Bon dia," (good morning) "Si us plau" (please) and, of course, "vaig menjar les coques" (I ate the pizzas, whose recipe dates back to the 15th century).

FOOD

Speaking of 15th century pizza, if there is one thing that Spaniards enjoy, it has to be eating. No matter where you happen to be in Spain, however, one thing remains the same: the food. In my humble opinion, Spanish food can be characterized as a rather bland mix of eggs, potatoes, olive oil and lots of ham, interspersed with the occasional flavorful items including paella, fresh fruits and vegetables and sangria.

While I found the food rather mediocre, Spaniards love it. Wait, I should rephrase that. Spaniards love ham, pork, sausage and all things that once oinked. In Madrid, I stumbled upon a restaurant chain that specialized in this porky delicacy, Museo del Jamon (Ham Museum) and Palacio del Jamon (Ham Palace). I would walk by one of these cured establishments and find myself mesmerized by some hundred ham shanks hung about the restaurant emitting an arresting odor of, well, hanging ham shanks. Fortunately, I was able to drown my ham sorrows in pitchers of cold, fruity sangria. This mix of red wine, fruit, sugar and liquor can range from a light pink (very weak) to blood red (super strong). And take it from a sangria connoisseur — the darker the sangria, the much better for you.

Eyes

sometimes arrive at these meetings after having worked eight to nine hours or so scrambling to get my section done in between the always daily regimen of answering telephone calls and assisting walk-in's.

As a result, I'm usually pretty tired long before Johnnie Ross ever bangs that gavel on the table and asks everyone to participate in a moment of reflection. My own personal reflections during this time generally go a little like this: "Dear God, please speed this meeting along and please don't let them vote to extend and please watch over my children as darkness falls." Thankfully, my kids have a set of grandparents in town who are willing to prepare their suppers and oversee their evening until Mom arrives home.

Once the meeting is over, it's "Home, James!" for me (no, there isn't really a "James" in my life, I would have told you about that by now). I collect my kids and head for home, doing my best to catch

up with each one on the events of their day before I finally fall, bone weary, into bed.

Then the next day dawns and I am faced with the awesome task of putting all those scribbled "notes and quotes" into some sort of literate form for you. While at the same time, of course, continuing to answer the phone, assist walk-in's, and retrieve all my various mailings. Yes, it's a busy little job I've found for myself, but as I remarked to a colleague just the other day, "I love it!"

I deal with Board of Education meetings and their aftermath of emotions in a variety of different ways. Sometimes I find myself feeling a little depressed, other times, hopeful, and sometimes, just downright mad.

I know my opinion on these issues matters not much more than a hill of beans to most of you, but I have to say that I could not believe it when I heard, at Monday evening's meeting, that somewhere in

this world a theory, a philosophy, if you will, exists which holds to the belief that not all students in a classroom are actually in need of a textbook.

Huh?

This, I don't get. Thank goodness I never went without a textbook when I was in school for if I had I am quite sure that I would never have made it. I love books. I have always loved books. Even when they happened to be "school books." Why? In part because they were my school books.

I was never guilty of marking or dog-earring the pages. I didn't leave them lying carelessly around the schoolyard. I didn't toss them to and fro in some makeshift childhood game. No, I took care of my school books. I respected my school books. I didn't always like my school books, but I respected what they stood for.

I used them to answer

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Postscript

You could plan your theater outing around a visit to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, one of the most popular parks in Kentucky. If nothing else, just pull over on one of the spots in the road and watch the lake. It's among the most soothing things I can do.

The Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center makes the park a good spot to have a conference or business retreat. You can hike, ride mountain bikes, boat, water ski, swim, fish, ride the sky lift, camp, picnic, eat and stay over at the May Lodge, and just relax.

Nearby is the old Auxier Dump. Don't laugh. This is a wonderful place to walk. It's sealed off from traffic, the garbage is gone, and the wilderness along the old road is a sight to behold.

Do you realize that some of the biggest names in country

music have come to the Mountain Arts Center — right here in Prestonsburg? You can't miss with this excellent sound center. Stop by in the middle of the day and see the art exhibits — this summer a quilt show.

The Kentucky Opry — the best young talent we have — still has a few more summer performances, so you have time. Then, plan to attend one of the fall productions, in between outside acts.

To see some of the best mountain crafts anywhere in the region, visit the David Mountain Crafts Shop. I always get compliments on the pieces in my home that came from there. From caned settees to candleholders, they stand out.

Whether you play golf or not, Stone Crest is an incredible place to visit. The panoramic views of the region from atop the mountain are spectacular. If

there is anything good to say about mountaintop removal, this is it.

Floyd County does not pay enough homage to its own history to suit me. But we have far more places to see than our citizens take advantage of.

First is the May House, an authentic early 19th century brick farmhouse, filled with period furniture and with documents from our past.

Equally impressive is the Wayland Historical Society's Museum. From the replicated soda fountain to the collection of community memorabilia, the facility is a tribute to a town and the people who care enough to pass on their memories.

In Wheelwright, visit the Methodist Church which has part of a cemetery under its floor. Also, see if you can find the entrance to one of the town's mines. It is exquisite and a tribute to the Italian stonemasons who left us their legacy.

The Civil War did not leave Floyd County unscathed. Reminders are the Ivy Mountain and Middle Creek battlefields. The Middle Creek site will be officially dedicated this fall and is definitely first class.

These places are off the top of my head. I apologize if I've left something out. Too many of our interesting sights are not publicized; most are underrecognized and underappreciated. It disturbs me that so many of us ignore and disparage what we have right here at home. We need to vow to change.

What do you think? I'd like to hear some feedback. Have you taken the time to see the wondrous things to see in this region? How many of the places I've cited over five weeks have you visited? Are there others you would add?

Let me know. Call me at 886-1975 or 633-4881; drop me a line at PO Box 422, Auxier, KY 41602; or email me at pshingler@appaishop.org. Join me in doing a better job to promote our own places.

Dr. Lineberger is a licensed psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg.

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you'll be."

Another suggestion is to weigh yourself once per month to avoid a surprise of a 10-pound gain at the end of the year. It is also safer to weigh more frequently if you weigh more than the "average" or have a family history of diabetes. If you gain weight or regain weight you have lost, take action quickly — pay attention to a 3-to-5 pound gain, before it becomes 10, 15, or 20.

Then, there is the big to-do of food intake. The National Institutes of Health offered the following recommendations: (1) eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day; (2) don't label specific foods as either "good" or "bad." Usually, it is better to put healthy foods into your diet than try to get junk foods out; and (4) don't allow yourself to get too hungry or you'll be starved later and find it hard to control what and how much you eat. Keep in mind that simple diet changes make a big difference the same as sim-

Free photography contest open to Prestonsburg residents

The International Library of Photography announces that more than \$60,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest. Photographers from the Prestonsburg area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 1,300 prizes. The deadline for the contest is September 30. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

memorable photo that captures a special moment in time," stated Christina Baylon, contest director. "When people learn about our free photography contest, they suddenly realize that their own favorite photos can win cash prizes, as well as gain national exposure," continued Baylon.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture, or other. The photo must be a color or black-

and-white print (unmounted), 8"x10" or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2614, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by

September 30. You may also submit your photo directly online at www.picture.com.

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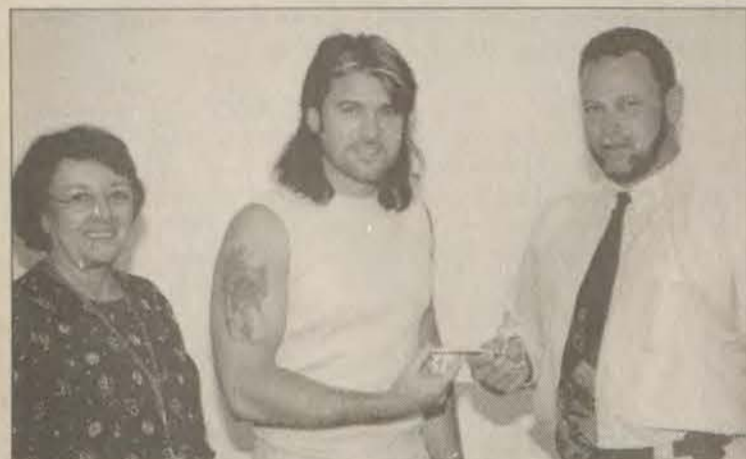
Alexander receives award honors

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) announced today that Julie Nicole Alexander, of Wayland, has been named an All-American Scholar. The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the

USAA. Alexander, an Allen Central High School student, was also named as a United States National Award winner by virtue of being placed consistently on her school's honor roll.

The USAA selects students based exclusively on the recommendation of their teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

Julie Nicole Alexander is the daughter of Vickie and Randall Jones, of Wayland, and the granddaughter of Glenn Alexander, of Wayland, and Nancy and Jimmy Jones, of Leburn.



Ann Latta, Secretary of Kentucky Tourism, shared the spotlight backstage with country music entertainer Billy Ray Cyrus as he was presented with the Key to the City by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. Cyrus recently performed in concert at Prestonsburg's Mountain Arts Center.

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homework questions and to look up definitions in the glossary. I took note of the pictures that accompanied the text materials, for sometimes a picture can tell a story, as Rod Stewart says. I carried them to school and back, and sure, it sometimes made my arms tired during the walk home, but I realized, even as an elementary school student, that I would need them in order to do my homework well. My schoolbooks spent very little time in my locker or cubby hole. I recognized them as a valuable resource and I utilized them as such.

So, to hear someone, anyone, say that some learned professionals actually adhere to this belief that textbooks are

not necessary for "each" child or, further, that children can utilize their imaginations to "craft" their own textbooks from copied resource materials, I have to admit, amazes me.

It is a belief that my own, albeit, limited, imagination cannot fathom.

My own childhood experience with textbooks is one I would not trade for gold.

I, like board member Glenna Stone, believe that every child has the right to develop this same sort of relationship with his or her own school books.

So, please, let's not try to justify anything less for Floyd County's current generation of children.



"Lulu," winner "Best of Show" in the Wal-Mart Pet Photo Contest. Lulu, a 17-month old female Basset Hound, is owned by Rhonda Hughes, of Hager Hill. Rhonda says that Lulu was a special gift to her from her late husband, Brian, and that she has brought many hours of great comfort and companionship to her since her husband's death. Lulu is much loved by both her mistress and her "grandparents," Earl and Linda Hughes.



Cindy Hackworth, community involvement coordinator for Prestonsburg Wal-Mart looks over the wide variety of photos entered in the pet photo contest. All proceeds from the contest went toward the benefit of the Children's Miracle Network and local children's hospitals.

Pet Photo Contest benefits Children's Miracle Network

A Pet Photo Contest was held this past Saturday, July 20, at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart. Proceeds from the contest went toward the benefit of the Children's Miracle Network and local children's hospitals. The community event was enjoyed by both Wal-Mart customers and Wal-Mart associates who paused to view the various submitted entries.

Categories and place winners follow: "Best Pet and Pet Owner Photo" - First place, Dewana Warrix and her pet, "Tucky"; second place - Lucas Amos with his pet, Sassy; third place - Jennifer and Steve Thompson with their pet, "Rocco."

"Most Patriotic Photo" - "Sam-I-Am," owner, Janice Adams.

"Most Unusual Pet" - "Bo," owner, Lorraine Shepherd.

"Cutest Dog" - "Nikki," owner, Robin Caudill.

"Cutest Cat" - "Stripes," owner, Will Allen.

"Funniest Dog" - "Daisy," owner, Stella Hyden.

"Funniest Cat" - "Sylvester" and "Kisses," owner, Vicky

Blankenship. "Most Photogenic" - First place, "Brittany," owners, Lowell and Sheena Brock; second place - "Willie Marquis Wil HeKiss n' Tell," owner, Angela Mosley; third place - "Baby," owner, Lynn Whittenberger.

"Best of Show" - "Lulu," owner, Rhonda Hughes.

Honorable Mentions: "Bingo" and "Blue" (cats), owner, Nyoka Stone; and, "Radar" (dog), owner, Becky Crum.

Each winner received a prize from one of the following contributors: Trends & Traditions, Heart to Heart Floral and Gifts, Jenny Wiley Florist, Hat Boxes and Gift Baskets, Etc., Country at Heart, Alys Fraley Photography and Art Gallery, Coral Reef Pet Shop, Penelope's Pets, Mountain Arts Center, Merle Norman Cosmetics and Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg.

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AND THE LORD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART!

IT HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES, "THE LORD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS, HIS WAYS LEADING UP TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE HEBREWS FROM EGYPT UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MOSES, ALTHOUGH MOSES, AT THE LORD'S INSTIGATION, PERFORMED MIRACLES BEFORE PHARAOH'S EYES, THE BIBLE TELLS US, COVER AND OVER AGAIN, "...AND THE LORD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART..." (EX. 9:12) SO THAT PHARAOH WOULD NOT BELIEVE WHAT HIS EYES BEHELD! UNTIL THE VERY DAY OF THE EXODUS WHEN THE HEBREWS WERE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO THE RED SEA...



OBVIOUSLY THE LORD INTENDED THE DESTRUCTION OF PHARAOH AND HIS ARMIES FOR THE HARSH TREATMENT THEY HAD GIVEN THE HEBREWS. MORE THAN A DOZEN VERSES IN THE SCRIPTURES RELATE THIS TYRANNICAL BEHAVIOR IN THE FACE OF SO MANY PROOFS THAT MOSES WAS ACTUALLY A MESSENGER FROM GOD HIMSELF. WHY ELSE WOULD AN INTELLIGENT RULER OVERLOOK THESE FACTS...
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Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.
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Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Cunn, Minister.
First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
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Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Nealey St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescoscollo, Minister.
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First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Daniel Sexton, Pastor.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxler Road, Auxler; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Largely; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
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Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shamon, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weakubay; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Est. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campbell; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Oiler, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.
Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.
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Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Prishood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; E.P. Grigby, Bishop.
- OTHER**
Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Cunn, Minister.
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Faith Bible, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Stephen, Minister.
Faith Revelation Ministry, 14 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagens, Minister.
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Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.
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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line: 352-2001; Ernest Manns, Pastor.
- Faith Chapel Community Church**, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m.; Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.
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What's new in clothes, gear

The Associated Press

It may be back to school in September, but in August, it's back to the marketplace for parents and their kids. For the latter, that means cool new stuff, but for the grownups, it's a challenge to navigate through the demands of what's wanted,

what's needed and what's affordable:

CLOTHES

■ Maybe your little tomboy has had her fill of logo T-shirts and jeans and would enjoy showing up for class looking more sophisticated. A classy choice might be the knee-length

houndstooth check jumper (\$48) from Talbots Kids. It's poly-rayon, has princess seaming, inverted front pleats, and is fully lined. Talbots also features campus-classic bias-cut plaid skirts (\$44), also in poly-rayon and lined. The A-line shape is hemmed at just above the knee. She can wear one with a ribbed cotton twinset (\$28 for the pullover, \$38 for the cardigan).

■ A no-fuss way your little daughter can look dressed up is in a cotton crewneck knit dress (\$24) from Lands' End. It has long sleeves, a softly gathered skirt that falls mid-calf, and side pockets. There's also a print jewelneck dress (\$26), similarly constructed but available in a choice of prints.

■ Your scholar in residence can look for all the world like a

young Mr. Rogers, with a cotton V-neck cardigan with front welt pockets (\$38) - a great alternative to a blazer - at Talbots Kids. Complete the outfit with a silk traditional or zipper tie (\$26), button-down cotton broadcloth dress shirt (\$30), and double-pleated cotton trousers (\$29.50).

■ The young gentleman also can dress in classics like the long-sleeve Interlochen polo shirt (\$16.50), flat-front chino pants (\$24.50), and a nifty hopsack blazer (\$75), all from Lands' End.

■ But there's no separating today's junior women from their

casual favorites, like the patterned woven peasant top (\$14.99) and "dirty jeans" with laces up the side of the leg (\$19.99), both from T.J. Maxx.

■ A parka is usually a rough-

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5. Never accept rides from strangers.



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1. Never pass a school bus picking up children.
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Electives on the edge

The Associated Press

Get your math, language, literature and comparative psychology courses under control, then have some fun with some of the truly off-the-wall electives out there in college land:

■ The Sociology of Weddings. There's a waiting list for this course at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, no doubt because of the raw emotion wedding planning brings to the surface. Taught by Angela L. Thompson, assistant professor of sociology, the course, she says, "introduces students to the role of the wedding not only as a ceremonial rite of passage but as a multi-billion dollar industry in American society." Students take a field trip to a wedding expo for material on the latter. Thompson is author of "Unveiled: Secrets of the Wedding Industry."

■ Conspiracy Theories. When something untoward happens, there must be something really awful behind the event. Professor Marcus Librizzi puts his students at the University of Maine, Machias, on the trail of the rumors and suspicions that fuel conspiracy theories, from flying saucers to crop circles. Students are assigned to research a single conspiracy theory - perhaps suppressed research, suspicious deaths,

CIA intrigue, coverups, or Satanic networks. "This is an interdisciplinary course that can lead students into biology, history, political science, psychology or other areas as they do their work," he says. The students try to establish the credibility of the theory and learn how it affects American culture.

■ Casino Operations. This course is a good bet at the University of Denver. It emphasizes the role of statistics in decision-making of casino operations. Says Robert Hannum, associate professor of statistics and operations technology, "We cover proper standards for game fairness and honesty, cheating detection and game protections." Students also learn common casino measurements, slot and table game operations, game odds and price setting, game volatility, player value and ratings systems.

■ Tough Women in Detective Fiction. Dr. Lauryn S. Mayer, assistant professor of English at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa., leads this course that demonstrates that those tough ladies are hardly new, having appeared in pulp fiction and film noir of yesteryear. But what they have in common with the modern heroines of "NYPD Blue" is their willingness to push the boundaries of "accepted female behavior."

■ Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion. Students at this course at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., look at the intersection of magic, witchcraft and religion and how they affect custom, politics and economics in such countries as South Africa, India, Haiti and the United States. It's taught by Shari Jacobson, assistant professor of anthropology.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS REGULAR DAY

BEGINNING/ENDING TIMES 2002-2003

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Stumbo Elementary	8:15 A.M.	3 P.M.

2002-03 Floyd County school

AUGUST

August 12, 2002Opening Day - Teachers
August 13, 2002Professional Development Day - Teachers
August 14, 2002Professional Development Day - Teachers
August 15, 2002First Day of School for Students

SEPTEMBER

September 2, 2002Labor Day - 1st Holiday - No School

OCTOBER

October 4, 2002E.K.E.A. - No School

NOVEMBER

November 5, 2002Election Day - No School
November 27, 2002Professional Development Day - Teachers
November 28, 2002Thanksgiving Day - 2nd Holiday - No School
November 29, 2002Thanksgiving Break - No School

DECEMBER

December 20, 2002Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
December 23 - January 3, 2003Christmas Break - No School
December 23, 2002Professional Development Day - No School
December 25, 2002Christmas Day - 3rd Holiday - No School

JANUARY

January 1, 2003New Year's Day - 4th Holiday - No School
January 6, 2003First Day of School After Christmas Break
January 20, 2003Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

APRIL

April 7 - 11, 2003Spring Break - No School
April 10 - 11, 2003K.E.A. - No School

MAY

May 16, 2003Last Day of School for Students
May 19, 2003Closing Day - Teachers


NOTE: Calendar subject to change due to inclement weather. Any/all days missed will be added to the end of the school year. Christmas and Spring Breaks will not be changed.

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Virtual schools removing obstacles

by GREG TOPPO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most school days, sisters Kaitie and Bethany Fogal show up for their first class around 9 a.m., still in their pajamas, sometimes nursing a bowl of Froot Loops.

It's a two-and-a-half-hour drive from their home in Carlisle, Pa., to Einstein Academy Charter School, but

the sisters, ages 15 and 16, don't leave home. They attend school by logging on to matching computers in their dining room, pulling assignments off a Web site and talking to teachers and classmates via e-mail, Internet chat rooms and instant messaging.

For many education reformers, the sisters and thousands of others like them - an estimated 5,000 in

Pennsylvania alone - offer an appealing vision of the future of public education, with public schools serving up an individualized curriculum at a low cost to rural or underserved students.

Such "cyber" or "virtual" schools, as they're known, have taken hold and grown rapidly in the past two school years, but they face formidable obstacles, including

aggressive legal challenges by school boards and questions about their finances and accountability.

Last spring, there were about 30 cyber charter schools in 12 states, according to the Center for Education Reform, a charter school advocacy group.

"We're getting more and more away from bricks and mortar to define education -

and that's the way it should be," said Jeanne Allen, the center's president.

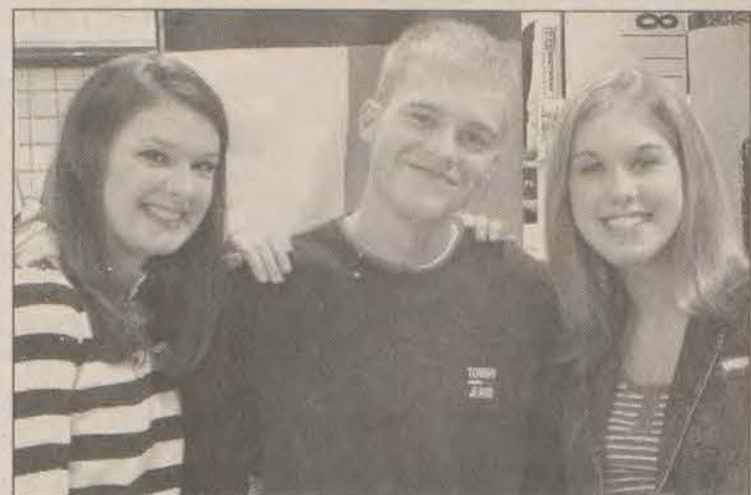
Bethany, 16, said she gets impatient with the school-provided computer and its slow, dial-up Internet service, but said the curriculum is "definitely not easy."

And she doesn't just take the basics either. This spring, she took Latin and

Shakespeare, and the sisters spent about four to six hours a day on schoolwork. Taxpayers even helped pay for their kickboxing and gymnastics lessons at a nearby private gym.

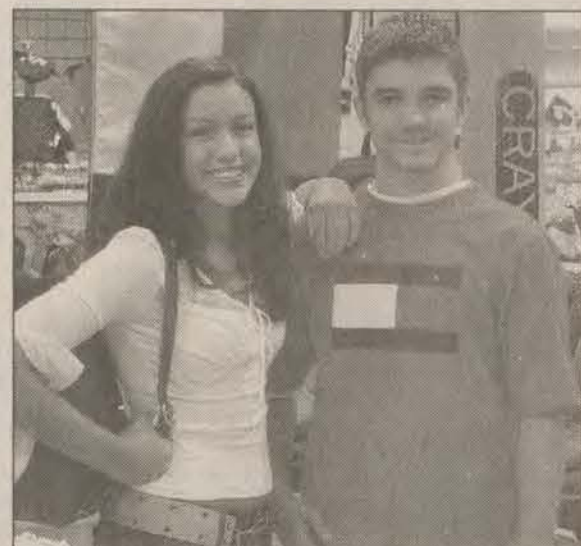
Aside from the slow computer, Bethany said, the biggest drawback of the pro-

(See VIRTUAL, page four)



Katie Reasor Nick Castle Megan Coleman

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Jenna Gearheart Cory Welch

From Moe to Angels Jeans and Tommy Hilfiger. Jenna and Cory will be in style this school year.

Worth noting

The Associated Press

Coffee and Books at RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - The big bookstore chains have figured out that having a coffee corner helps build sales.

At the Rochester Institute of Technology, library managers think the coffeehouse concept will help build educated minds.

"Java Wally's" is a 24-hour study space at the school's Wallace Library, where students can collaborate, relax, listen to music, surf the Internet and get to know each other, all while sipping a cappuccino or frappe. They don't have to leave the premises for refreshments while studying.

"It's a revolutionary concept because RIT has connected the dots between a library and a coffeehouse to fulfill the needs of thirsty and hungry minds," said Chandra McKenzie, interim director of the library.

Limbering Up for Math

LEWISTON, Maine - Get ready for immersion in "Introduction to Abstraction," a five-week, five-hours-a-day course at Bates College.

Also known as "Math Camp," the course taught by David Haines, professor of

mathematics, has a diversion - juggling - that keeps students going during the intensive study regime.

Haines, a juggler-in-training with the Bates College Juggling Club, keeps juggling gadgets at hand to share with students and press home a point: "I want my students to discover that in learning math, as in juggling, it is important to accept our mistakes, to pick up the pieces and to start over again until we get it right."

Agreeable Roommates

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - It's sort of like a pre-nup, except that the couple (or trio) who will be living together are sharing dorm space, not a marital home.

New students checking into Rochester Institute of Technology get a roommate agreement form to fill out and sign. It covers topics such as cleanliness, phone use, shared expenses, study issues, smoking, overnight guests and sleeping arrangements.

"Our research has shown that

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2002-2003 Floyd County breakfast and lunch prices

Student Breakfast	0.75
Reduced Student Breakfast	0.30
Employee/Volunteer Breakfast	1.25
Non-Employee Breakfast	1.75

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Clothes

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and-tumble garment, but the girl's Princess Lilac Ice Glitter Jacket (\$82) from Oshkosh B'Gosh is a prettied-up version, with scallops, embroidery and furry cuffs and hood trim.

The outdoor look is big with the college crowd, and a pleaser is Timberland's corduroy pile-lined jacket (\$148), inspired by traditional work coats.

Timberland also has sensible sneaker-hikers (\$45-\$65) for kids in its Multi-Season series. They're both waterproof and ready for the trail.

GEAR

The big kids going to college need something to tote the omnipresent notebook computer. The Targus notebook backpack (\$69.99) is made of fabrics that resist water, tears and similar damage while offering a nice padded spot to protect the machine and wearer's back from the machine. Lots of compartments and padded shoulder straps, too.

Little kids need little packs

so they won't overload their growing bodies. A cheerful choice is the cotton canvas backpack in either pastel or primary color blocks (\$9.98) from the Lillian Vernon catalog. The primary and pastel color combinations also are available in a bigger version (\$14.98) for bigger kids; these packs are weather- and water-resistant nylon with four outside mesh pockets and adjustable shoulder straps. Then there's the Ultimate Backpack (\$29.98), a light-weight ramie cotton pack with padded straps and mesh pockets that features a snap-on insulated lunch bag at the bottom.

Suppose your kid really carries a load. An option is to shift the weight to a set of wheels. The Wheeled Varsity Backpack from Lands' End (\$59.50) is a nylon pack that can be rolled on inline skate wheels. The catalog also has another variation: the Convertible Pack (\$19.50) starts out as a messenger bag with shoulder strap, then becomes a backpack by clicking and zipping on a top section.

Attention! All Floyd County Board of Education employees


The district will be conducting the Opening Professional Development Day on August 12.

Registration 7 to 8 a.m. and training for all classified and certified staff from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Lunch provided.

Check with your school principal for more information. All employees should receive detailed information in the mail.

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August 13	7:00 p.m. Ice cream social in the school gymnasium for parents, teachers, board members, and students.
August 15	Half day for students.*
August 16	Half day for students.*
August 19	Full day for students.
September 2	Labor Day—No school.
October 11	End of the first grading period.
October 14-17	Parent-teacher conference week.
October 18	Conference Day—No school.
November 27-29	Thanksgiving holiday begins after dismissal on November 26.
December 20	Half day* Christmas holiday begins at noon. End of second grading period.
January 6	Faculty Planning
January 7	Classes resume.
January 10	Report cards due.
January 20	Observation of Martin Luther King Jr., Day by teaching on Civil Rights.
February 14-17	Winter Break (Presidents' Day)—No school.
March 7	End of third grading period.
March 11-15	Report cards due, Parent-teacher conference week, Spring Break.
April 7-11	Good Friday—No school.
April 18	Last day of school*
May 23	*Half days end at noon—lunch is not served


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Coping with separation blues

by DEBRA GASKILL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTON, Ohio - The day Pam McGinnis sent her oldest daughter Ann off to college, she became acutely aware of that vacant place in the house. "I was a little weepy," admits McGinnis, a corporate writer for Kettering Medical Center. "That night it seemed kind of weird. We'd walk past Ann's bedroom and it was empty."

Whether it's a first child or the last, parents can experience these feelings of loss.

How a parent copes when sending that first, last, or any child, off to college can often be a test for a marriage or a time of renewal.

"So many times in our society, parents live through their kids," said Dr. Stephen Fortson, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Human Services at Wright State

University. "(A husband and wife) might not be as close as they once were when that child is leaving for college. There can suddenly be a lot of pressure on the relationship."

Pam and her husband Carlo, a Dayton attorney, have five children. Ann is now 21 and a senior communications major at Hanover College. Claire, 19, is a sophomore English and political science major at Kenyon. Craig, 17, is a senior at

Oakwood High School. Marie is 14 and an OHS freshman. The youngest, Jane, is 11 and in fifth grade.

Still, sending their firstborn child off to college "was a big deal," Pam said.

Eventually, the McGinnis family took a leaf out of the dining room table and younger daughter Marie, who had been sharing room with Jane, moved into Ann's old room.

The change can be viewed as one of a marriage's transition points, but it can also be test of how balanced the marriage is,

Fortson said.

Those transition points in life are fairly predictable: growing up, getting married, raising your own children and then sending them off to college, he said.

"If you put your role as a parent ahead of your role as a spouse, it's a huge change and it could be a setup for a crisis," Fortson said.

The clue is keeping balance within the family.

"Don't sacrifice your role as husband and wife, don't sacrifice your individuality. That way it's not as big a blow when

that child goes off to college."

Parents also need to communicate with each other about their needs, he said.

"A husband and wife can be their own best support services," he said.

WSU Assistant Dean Jeanne Fraker often deals with parents who come with their children to orientation events at WSU. She recommends that parents come to such events to reassure themselves that their student can

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Encourage your children to read with trips to the library!



Virtual

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gram is that she's home all the time.

"It does get to be a drag," she said.

The prospect of schooling thousands of students from a remote location has attracted many educators, including private investors such as former Education Secretary William Bennett. His company, K12, operates two cyber schools, with plans to expand to six this fall.

"This is not home school - this is public school with a parent being the primary instructor," said K12 spokesman Bryan Flood.

He said the schools use only certified teachers and a "rugged, rigorous assessment system."

Jason Barkeloo, who teaches science at Cincinnati's Virtual High School, contends that there are shortcomings to

cyber schools.

Students at Virtual, a non-charter public school, are required to come to a central location to get assignments. But without formal classes, they don't get the benefit of learning science in a laboratory, Barkeloo said.

"These students don't get simple things like training in safety," he said, "because there's no laboratory experience for that: How do you use a Bunsen burner? How do you mix chemicals? How do you observe an endothermic or exothermic reaction when you can't feel heat?"

Barkeloo also said class discussions are limited because not all the students log on at the same time.

"The students are so isolated that you don't get the benefit of other peers," he said. "You'll have five students ask

the same question over a week-and-a-half."

Union and school board officials say that, unlike other charter schools, the home-based approach of cyber schools makes them little more than online home schools.

Like the Fogals, many of their students are former home schoolers, but when they enroll in a cyber charter, the school demands the costs of educating them from the school district, which is obliged to hand over the money, even if the school operates hundreds of miles away, as with Einstein, or uses an unorthodox approach.

In Pennsylvania, per-pupil expenditures can be as little as \$4,000 or as much as \$12,000, depending on where a student's neighborhood school is located.

"That amount far exceeds the cost of educating a student in a cyber school," said Thomas Gentzel, executive director of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. "There's a huge profit motive here."

Flood responds: "We are a vendor like anybody else."

Pennsylvania has become a closely watched battleground. A legal challenge to the state's cyber schools by Gentzel's group was dismissed, but the court said school districts may look more closely at the charters' books.

While the suit was pending, most of the state's 501 school districts refused to pay millions of dollars in per-pupil costs to the cyber schools, and hundreds of students left the schools after delays in getting computers and other materials.

The school boards association contends that fewer students are actually enrolled in cyber charter programs than the schools say - and that the schools aren't accountable for student performance and records.

Allen said cyber schools keep track of their students as well as traditional public schools. "They'd be crazy not to, because they wouldn't get paid."

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS EARLY WEDNESDAY (EVERY WEDNESDAY) BEGINNING/ENDING TIMES 2002-2003

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- Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size)
- Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
- Medical examination (KDE-dated December, 1999).
- REVISED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE:** All Children at least (19) months of age and less than seven (7) years of age who attend preschool programs and public schools, shall have one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, unless a parent, guardian, or physician states that the child has had chickenpox disease.

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These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.
The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall, to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

6th Grade

- Hepatitis B vaccines.
- A second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization. (Immunization certificate must list all shot dates.)
- A physical examination on KDE approved form-dated December, 1999.

High School-Parents, check your child's immunization cert. (shot) record for expiration date.
TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

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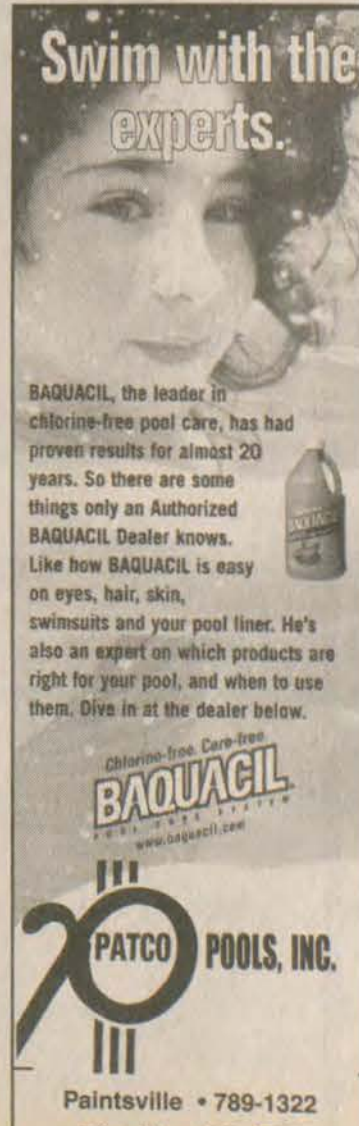
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Coping

cope with the change.

She has a plaque on her wall that states her philosophy: "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots and the other is wings."

"The relationship between the student and the parent is going to change," said Fraker. "We want the student to feel well grounded and ready to partake of this big adventure, but also intuitive enough to make use of the resources and support they have available."

For McGinnis, it was learning to feel comfortable that she had given her child those roots and wings.

"I was afraid she's be distracted by everything from beer to boys. She had a steady boyfriend at the time and I also worried that she wouldn't mix it up with the other kids," she said.

During Ann's senior year in high school and subsequent college visits, McGinnis said she did feel somewhat guilty that the other four children were not getting a lot of attention.

"It (was) all about Ann - but that's because we were about to

put her someplace that was going to charge us \$17,000 a year to keep her there," McGinnis said.

As a result, Jane, who was seven at the time, got some unexpected experiences.

"She knew what SATs were, what waiting lists were," said McGinnis. "She's never been to Disneyland, but she's been to Kenyon and Oberlin!"

And suddenly second daughter, Claire, was now seen as "the oldest" child, McGinnis said.

Then when Claire went off to Kenyon, there were still some tears, but the transition was easier.

"Even with the second one, it was the same big deal," McGinnis said. Now, "It's kind of nice I have all this time with my other kids."

Fraker says parents shouldn't worry about students not having a lot of contact with them, something McGinnis said she struggled with when Ann went off to college.

It's a sign that parents have done a good job "whether or not a student acknowledges that e-mail or that package of goodies.

Everybody likes getting a package of favorite snacks in the middle of the term," Fraker said.

McGinnis said she finally came to terms with only the occasional communication.

"If your kid hasn't called, don't be concerned," she said. "I learned to let the tie between home and school be flexible and then I backed off. After all, if she's not calling me all the time, she's having fun."

There are also issues parents face when children are commuting to college and still living at home, as a number of WSU students do.

Parents may think that because their students have classes only three days a week, they can still carry the same chores or household responsibilities they did in high school, Fraker said.

Student life has changed a great deal since parents went to school, she said. Students often carry heavier course loads, while being involved in outside jobs and extracurricular activities.

"Keep an open, supportive communication system," Fraker said.

Part of raising a successful college student is help a child build some individuality and independence long before high school graduation.

That communication and independence should start in the student's junior or senior year of high school, Fraker said.

"Parents should look forward to it. It's a passage, not a sad event. We're supposed to give our kids room to grow."



Morgan Haywood (Left) and Darby Cooksey (Right) are dressed for success and ready for second and third grade at Wesley Christian School.

Books

(Houghton Mifflin, \$16 hardcover, August), with photos and text by Raymond Bial, is a look at the difficulties faced by poorly paid immigrants as they struggled to get a start on the American dream. Bial's photographs of the sights of New York City's old immigrant neighborhood - the dark hallways, stairs and rooms of the tenements - give a glimpse of the realities of how they lived.

■ Is there life out there? That always seems to be the question, fanciful or serious, that accompanies study of the universe. "Looking for Life in the Universe" (Houghton Mifflin, \$16 hardcover, September), by Ellen Jackson, describes the work of astrophysicists of Project Phoenix at the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute in California. This includes the twice-yearly outings of scientist Jill Tarter and her team to the mountains of Puerto Rico, where they use the world's largest radio telescope to examine nearby stars - listening for radio signals that may indicate that there is intelligent life outside our own world.

■ Exotic life on this planet still exerts fascination for young readers. "SuperCroc" (National Geographic, \$18.95 hardcover), by Christopher Sloan, traces the lineage of crocodiles from their prehistoric ancestors, including one that was about twice as big as today's species and which snacked on dinosaurs. The book chronicles the research of Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago, whose team uncovered fossil remains, including a 6-foot-long SuperCroc skull, in a sub-Saharan desert area called Gadoufaoua, starting in 1993.

■ Have you ever considered rehearsing your kids with the alphabet, teaching them about exotic animals and introducing them to surreal art - all at the same time? Of course you haven't. But the opportunity may be at hand with "Alphabeasts" (Kids Can Press, \$15.95 hardcover), by Wallace Edwards. It's a nonsense verse, portraying animals not in the wild but in a wild-looking Victorian house. "N is for

Narwhal, wrapped in a shawl" depicts the animal as a sort of Whistler's Mother figure, while "O is for Octopus, changing a light" shows the tentacled creature dealing with a chandelier. Check out the lion who's just had his mane styled, or the hippo getting ready for a violin recital. If your child doesn't think it's funny and bizarre, you will.

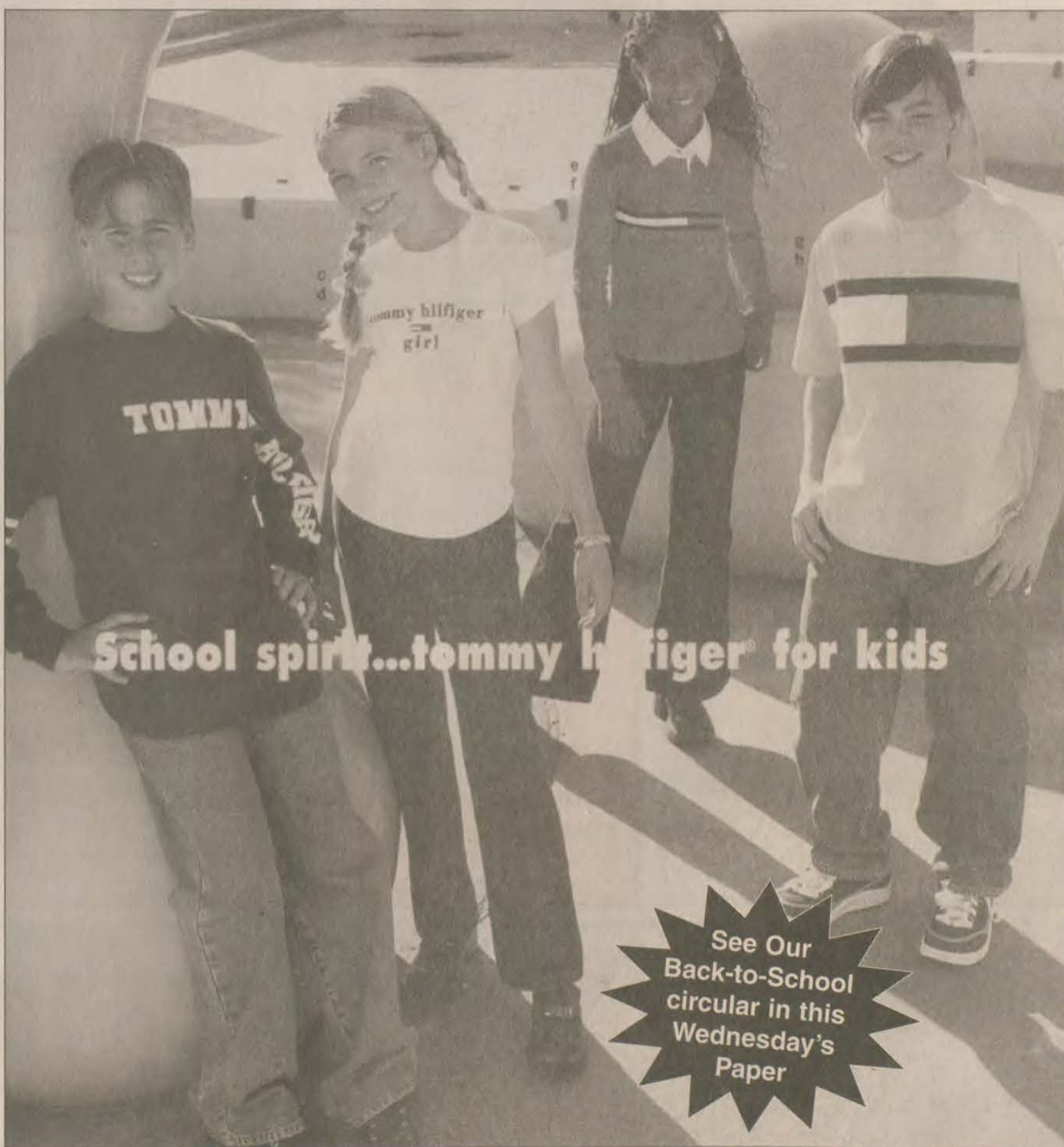
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Fireworks/open flames			X	X	X	X	X	
Possession of prohibited items			X	X	X			
Use of tobacco products/spitting	X	X	X	X		X		
Profanity/indecent/abusive language	X	X	X	X		X		
Eating/drinking/littering	X	X	X					
Harassment/hazing/threatening	X	X	X	X		X		
Excessive noise/screaming	X		X	X				
Throwing items (in or out of bus)			X	X	X			
Delaying bus run/schedule	X	X	X	X				
Forgery/falsifying documents or signatures			X	X				
Sexual behavior/inappropriate gestures	X	X	X	X		X		
Lice/contagious disease	X	X	X	X				
Body parts/objects out the window	X	X	X	X				
Disrupting/impeding driver	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Defacing/tampering with bus equipment	X	X	X	X	X			
Pushing/tripping	X	X	X	X				
Other (specify)								

Floyd County Schools bus conduct

Each student has the responsibility to maintain proper bus conduct while traveling to and from school each day. Inappropriate behavior distracts the bus driver and will not be tolerated.

Remember, students must be at the bus stop five minutes prior to the arrival of the school bus. Buses have a schedule to keep and cannot wait.

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**FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS
2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

August 12, 2002	Opening Day - Teachers
August 13, 2002	Professional Development Day - Teachers
August 14, 2002	Professional Development Day - Teachers
August 15, 2002	First Day of School for Students
September 2, 2002	Labor Day - 1st Holiday - No School
October 4, 2002	E.K.E.A. - No School
November 5, 2002	Election Day - No School
November 27, 2002	Professional Development Day - Teachers
November 28, 2002	Thanksgiving Day - 2nd Holiday - No School
November 29, 2002	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 20, 2002	Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
December 23-January 3, 2003	Christmas Break - No School
December 23, 2002	Professional Development Day - No School
December 25, 2002	Christmas Day - 3rd Holiday - No School
January 1, 2003	New Year's Day - 4th Holiday - No School
January 6, 2003	First Day of School After Christmas Break
January 20, 2003	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
April 7 - 11, 2003	Spring Break - No School
April 10 - 11, 2003	K.E.A. - No School
May 16, 2003	Last Day of School for Students
May 19, 2003	Closing Day - Teachers

NOTE: Calendar subject to change due to inclement weather. Any/all days missed will be added to the end of the school year. Christmas and Spring Breaks will not be changed.

Calendar Construction: 175 Instructional Days, 4 Professional Development Days, 4 Holidays, 1 Opening Day, 1 Closing Day, for a total of 185 Days.

**WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Allen, Kentucky

August 4th:	Orientation
August 12th:	First day of school
August 7:	Picture Day
September 2nd:	Labor Day (No school)
October 11th:	9-week grading period ends
October 17th & 18th:	Fall Break (No school)
November 27th-29th:	Thanksgiving Break (No school)
December 19th:	9-week grading period ends
December 20th-Jan. 1st:	Christmas Break (No school)
January 20th:	Martin Luther King Jr., Day (No school)
February 17th:	Presidents' Day (No school)
March 7th:	9-week grading period ends
April 7th-11th:	Spring Break (No school)
April 18th:	Good Friday (No school)
May 14th:	Last day of school

**PAINTSVILLE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL CALENDAR
2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR**

August:	Thursday 15th	Professional Day
	Friday 16th	Opening Day
September:	Monday 2nd	Labor Day (Holiday)
October:	Friday 4th	Apple Day
November:	Tuesday 5th	Election Day (Professional Day)
	Wednesday 27th	No School
	Thursday 28th	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
	Friday 29th	No School
December:	Thursday 19th	No School (Christmas Break begins)
	Wednesday 25th	Holiday (Christmas)
January:	Monday 6th	Back to School
	Monday 20th	Holiday (Martin Luther King's Birthday)
February:	Monday 17th	Professional Day
March:	Monday 10th	Professional Day
	Friday 21st	No School (Boys' State Tournament)
	Monday 31st	Spring Break begins
April:	Monday 7th	Back to School
May:	Monday 26th	No School (Memorial Day)
	Thursday 29th	Closing Day
	Friday 30th	Graduation

**2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR, MAGOFFIN COUNTY SCHOOLS
(THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

	M	T	W	T	F	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	M						
July	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	17	29	30	31				
August				1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	14	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sept.	H	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	23	24	25	26	27	28	30					
Oct.		X	X	X	X		3																								
Nov.						1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	29	30
Dec.	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	23	24	25	26	27	28	30						
Jan.			H	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	24	27	28	29	30	31	
Feb.						1	3	4	5	8	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	28	29	
March						1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	28	29	31
April		1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30				
May				1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	26	27	28	29	30		
June	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	23	24	25	26	27	28	30						

Holidays:	Professional Development Days:	Days not included in school calendar:
Sept. 2 Labor Day	August 5 & 6- Professional Development	August 30- Founders' Day
Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day	August 7- Opening Day	October 1,2,3,4- Fall Break
Dec. 25 Christmas Day	September 30- Professional Development	November 27, 29- Thanksgiving Break
Jan. 1 New Years Day	November 5- Professional Development	December 23,24,26,27,30,31- Christmas Break
	May 15- Closing Day	January 20- MLK Day
		April 7,8,9,10,11- Spring Break may be used as make-up days

O=opening day P=professional development H=holiday C=closing day X=no school

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**2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR
JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS**

FIRST MONTH - TEACH 18 DAYS BEGINS - AUGUST 1 ENDS - AUGUST 28 NO SCHOOL AUGUST 1 - IN-SERVICE AUGUST 2 - OPENING DAY AUGUST 3 - FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	SIXTH MONTH - TEACH 20 DAYS BEGINS - JANUARY 6 ENDS - FEBRUARY 3 NO SCHOOL JANUARY 20 - EXTEND MONTH
SECOND MONTH - TEACH 19 DAYS BEGINS - AUGUST 29 ENDS - SEPTEMBER 25 NO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2 - HOLIDAY	SEVENTH MONTH - TEACH 20 DAYS BEGINS - FEBRUARY 4 ENDS - MARCH 3
THIRD MONTH - TEACH 20 DAYS BEGINS - SEPTEMBER 26 ENDS - OCTOBER 31 NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 4 - EXTEND MONTH (EKEA) OCTOBER 7 - 11 - EXTEND MONTH	EIGHTH MONTH - TEACH 20 DAYS BEGINS - MARCH 4 ENDS - MARCH 31
FOURTH MONTH - TEACH 18 DAYS BEGINS - NOVEMBER 1 ENDS - DECEMBER 2 NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 5 - EXTEND MONTH NOVEMBER 27 - IN-SERVICE NOVEMBER 28 - HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 29 - EXTEND MONTH	NINTH MONTH - TEACH 20 DAYS BEGINS - APRIL 1 ENDS - MAY 5 NO SCHOOL APRIL 7 - 9 - EXTEND MONTH APRIL 10 - 11 - EXTEND MONTH (KEA)
FIFTH MONTH - TEACH 16 DAYS BEGINS - DECEMBER 3 ENDS - JANUARY 3 NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 23 - IN-SERVICE DECEMBER 24 - IN-SERVICE DECEMBER 25 - HOLIDAY DECEMBER 26-31 - EXTEND MONTH (CHRISTMAS BREAK) JANUARY 1 - HOLIDAY	TENTH MONTH - TEACH 4 DAYS BEGINS - MAY 6 ENDS - MAY 12 NO SCHOOL MAY 12 - CLOSING DAY (TEACHERS)

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